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REDS 15 MILES FROM NANKING

Push Continues As Govt Peace Delegates Meet REDS ENTER PEIPING

Nanking, January 23.

Communist spearheads today were reported to have taken up positions only 15 miles North East of Nanking as their rapid Southward lunge threw a full-dress Government retreat to South of the Yangtze River into an initial disorder.

Press despatches and reliable private information today reported the hurried Nationalist evacuation of a string of strategic towns stretching from North of Nanking to the mouth of the vital waterway.

An informed source said at least four Communist columns were racing Southwards along the Tientsin-Pukow railway to fill the vacuum evacuated by the retreating Nationalists.

He said the Communist advance units were presumed to have reached Chuihsien and Luho, 30 and 15 miles North West and North East of Nanking.

High Nationalist military quarters admitted the Communists may reach the North bank of the Yangtze River opposite Nanking in a week's time. One military source said: "We may hear gunfire here then."

Travellers from Pukow, Southern terminal opposite Nanking, reported confusion and disorder in the evacuation of Nationalist troops and the flight of refugees across the river. Pukow railway station and the town was jammed with the entire police mobilised to maintain public order.

As the Communists drew nearer and nearer daily to Nanking, both the Nanking and Shanghai garrison commander, General Tang En-po, and the Nanking city commander, General Chang Yung-min, issued stern warnings to the public to maintain calm, threatening severe punishment including "shoot at sight" penalty to violators of social security.

Reply Awaited

The Government's peace efforts, meanwhile, today in the major aspects, as a reply from the Communists to its appeal to name the place for a meeting must be received before further definite action can be taken.

Five members of the delegation headed by Mr. Shao Li-tze met this morning to discuss details of their mission which can be translated into action at present.

It was reported but still unconfirmed, that Mr. Peng Chao-shen had declined to accept appointment to the peace delegation, the Prime Minister, Dr. Sun Fo, however, was said to be exerting efforts to get him to consent to carry out the mission.

Mr. Shao Li-tze also sought to how out as chief delegate, suggesting that all members of the delegation should have equal authority, but the Premier persuaded Mr. Shao to remain as chief delegate and chairman.

There is a belief in some quarters, but lacking confirmation altogether, that some contact already may have been made between certain Government quarters and the Communists.

Red Broadcast

Last night's Red broadcast, however, gave no indication of the Communists accepting Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's retirement as the last remaining snag in going forward toward peace. The broadcast, in Chinese language, was typical of former Communist attacks against the retreating President and his top leaders as well as American imperialism.

The broadcast took note of the Generalissimo's leave taking, but asserted it was a political trick.

"League" To Act As Contact

Shanghai, January 23.
Mr. Chen Chi-chao, close adviser to Acting President Li Tsung-jen, was reported to have arrived here today from Nanking to contact officials of the banned Democratic League.

Mr. Chen was said to be bearing a personal invitation from President Li Tsung-jen to the Chairman of the Democratic League, Mr. Chang Lan, and to Madame Sun Yat-sen to proceed to Nanking to discuss a peace plan.

General Li Tsung-jen was also reported to have cabled similar invitations to Marshal Li Chai-sung, head of the Kuomintang dissidents in Hong Kong and other top Democratic League leaders living in exile in the British Colony. —Reuter.

that the gesture was not sincere and that the Communists would not be lulled into false assessment of the Government's integrity because of the Generalissimo's flight from Nanking.

Less than 24 hours after President Chiang Kai-shek retired from his 21-year-old role at the helm of China's destiny, Acting President Li Tsung-jen, with full co-operation from Premier Sun Fo, ordered the Kuomintang leaders swung into action, either informally approved or announced the following steps:

Basis For Talks

1. Plans to abandon Nanking to take the Government to Canton will be discarded.

2. Special criminal courts which were set up to deal with political and economic violations and seditious activities will be abolished.

3. Political prisoners will be released.

4. Restrictions and control over newspapers and periodicals will be lifted.

5. The eight terms laid down by Mao Tse-tung as Communist conditions for peace will be accepted as the initial bargaining basis.

6. Overtures to the Communists to restore immediately communications and postal services between the Nationalist and Communist areas.

The Nationalist forces meanwhile have completed the evacuation of Peiping and a joint office to deal with the military and political affairs during the transition period has been set up.

Stop Press

Soong Quits

Canton, January 23.
The Governor of Kwangtung, Dr. T. V. Soong, made formal public announcement of his withdrawal from China's political life in a broadcast here today.

Dr. Soong announced that he would come to Hong Kong tomorrow. He did not mention his reported trip to the United States. —Associated Press.

been functioning. Reuter learned today from sources in Peiping contacted by radio telephone.

Four Communist armies have entered the ancient capital. Order has been restored following a short period of confusion yesterday and early today.

The city received General Fu Tso-yi's announcement of peace terms quietly. Prices of foodstuffs have already dropped following the Nationalist evacuation.

Public utilities are functioning normally. Newspapers are publishing usual but subject to censorship. Railway communications between Peiping and Tientsin are reported to have been restored.

Direct Contact

Maintenance of the city's radio and telephone contacts with Nanking was believed to mean that the Communists now had a direct channel of communications with the Nationalist Government to conduct their preliminary peace negotiations.

General Li Tsung-jen, has verbally ordered the release of "Young Marshal" Chang Kueihong, and General Yang Fucheng, both imprisoned for the kidnapping of retired President Chiang Kai-shek in the dramatic Sian incident, according to a high official source today.

The source said President Li also was considering revoking the League in line with his new policy of liberalising the administration. —United Press and Reuter-AAP.

Robber Shot In N.T. Gun Duel

One robber was shot but not seriously wounded and is lying in Kowloon Hospital as a result of a gun duel between a party of police and a gang of armed robbers at 5.30 p.m. yesterday at Ma Cho Lung Gap near Lok Ma Chau, New Territories.

It is possible that other robbers might have been wounded or killed in the duel which lasted some considerable time.

According to a police report, a party of New Territories police on patrol came across a band of 12 armed men and when challenged the desperadoes opened fire which the police immediately returned.

The armed gang fired as they fled.

Police parties under Divisional Superintendent M.B. Fraser, Sub-Inspector J.M.B. Wall, R. Mackenzie, and Kinchoi scoured the countryside until late last night. It is still possible that other wounded or dead members of the gang may be found.

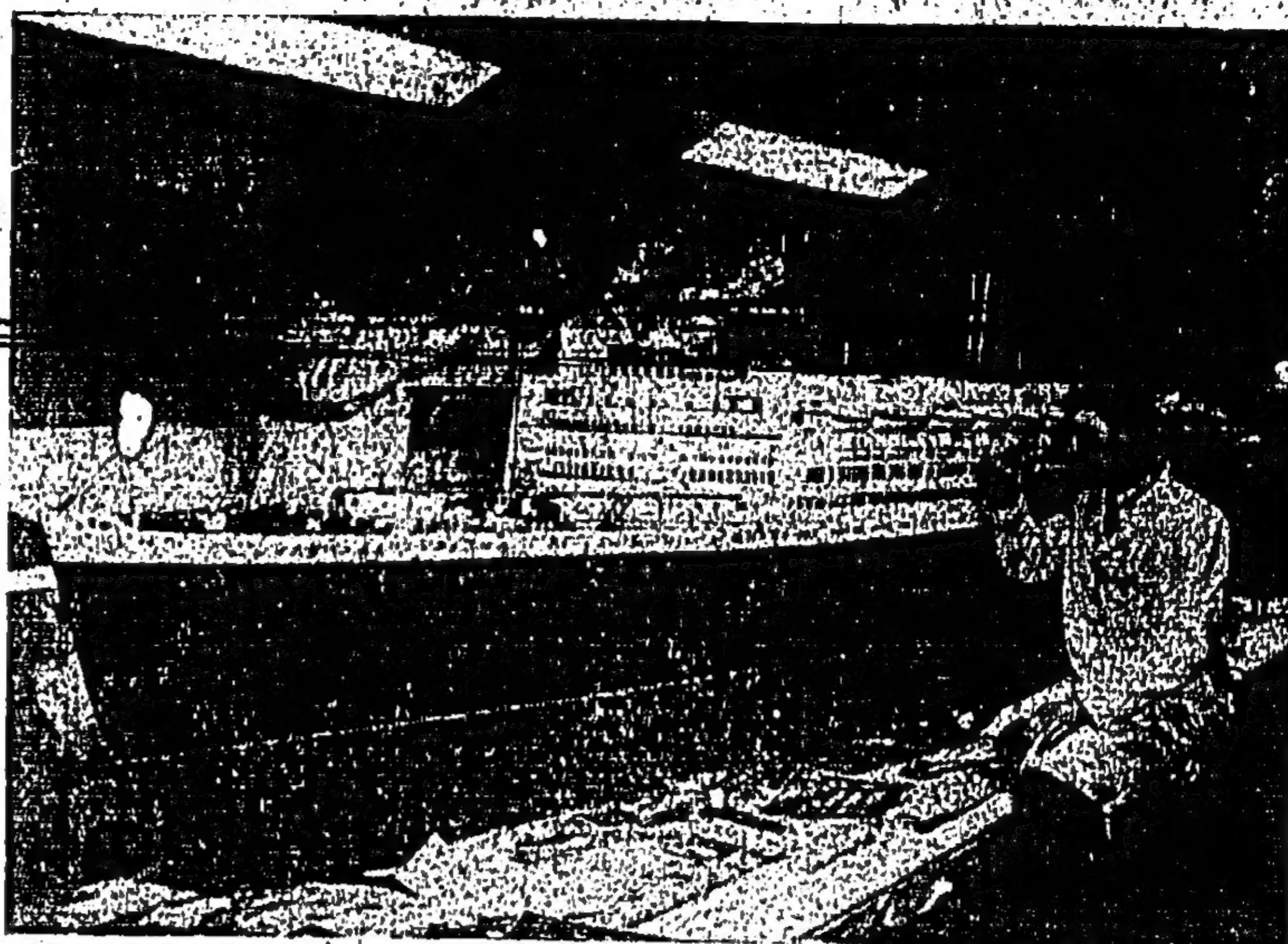
The police suffered no casualties.

Senders Of Threatening Notes Arrested

Alleged to be responsible for sending threatening notes to Hong Kong cinema houses demanding sums ranging from HK\$1,000 to HK\$5,000, leaders of the "Overseas Chinese Youth Reform Group" have been arrested by the Chinese police.

The vernacular Wai Kiu Man Po said yesterday that the Chinese police at Shekwan, his East River town across the New Territories border, caught the ringleaders of the organisation on Thursday.

The newspaper added that the police seized a bundle of documents which it is alleged "constituted the organisation with the threatening letters sent to cinema houses in Hong Kong last week."



Giant "Queen" On Small Scale

Bassett Lowke, famous English model maker, are at present working on a model of the Cunard-White Star liner "Queen Elizabeth" at their Northampton, England, Works. The model is destined for the show window of the New York Office of the Cunard Company. It has been carved from a 200-year-old log of West African white mahogany weighing seven tons. —AP Photo.

Japanese Reds Trail In Elections

Tokyo, January 23.
The polls closed today on Japan's third post-war election, and the first fragmentary returns showed the Communists running far behind the Socialist and Conservative candidates.

With spring-like weather, voting for the new 466-member House of Representatives was peaceful and apathetic. No incidents were reported.

The tiny Amakusa Island, off Kumamoto, Kyushu, closed its polls early and an incomplete count gave a lead to the Social Democratic candidate with 393, gave the Democratic Liberal (ultra-conservative) 184, and the Communist candidate 19.

47 Per Cent Vote

A Japan-wide check by General Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters reported that 47 per cent of Japan's registered voters passed through the polling booths by 2.30 p.m. Japan time. The polls opened at 7 a.m. and closed at 6 p.m.

Most of the women voters arrived at the polls in Tokyo around midday, many with babies strapped to their backs.

American Military Government teams toured the voting booths as did Soviet, Chinese, and British observers.

The Japanese cast their ballots under a "single ballot" system. They were permitted to mark the name of only one candidate, although a plural number of seats in the House might be elected from one district. The Communists claimed this favoured the better publicised Conservative candidates. —United Press.

Air Force Smashes Smuggling Ring

Wiesbad, January 22.
The United States Air Force Headquarters in Wiesbadon announced that several arrests were made during an operation against a well-organised gang of international smugglers in the American Zone of Germany early today.

During the investigations which preceded the operation, the announcement said, agents of the American Air Force collected evidence in several European countries. They worked with the United States Army, the French Surete Generale and the Italian police and Customs officials.

The activities of the gang were centred in Milan and involved other besides Americans. It was added: "Some of the members of the ring are from Belgium and other countries."

It was alleged that the smugglers were taking vital German manufactured goods, as well as gold, silver and cash, into France, Italy, Switzerland, and other countries.

Conservative estimates place the value of the goods smuggled by the gang as far as millions of dollars.

Operations against the smugglers began today when Air Force agents, widely dispersed at exit points in the American Zone of Germany and working with Customs officials of neighbouring countries, started to examine all suspected cars.

Most of the goods were taken across the German border in false compartments, built into motor lorries, trailers and running boards and were delivered to Milan.

But the gang's activities were not confined to Italy alone. Its contact men approached American military and civilian personnel in Germany, to whom they offered to have secret compartments put into their cars and to pay them about \$500 per trip, the statement added.

Some of the smugglers brought return cargoes of expensive silks and illegal luxuries into Germany. One is reported to have made more than \$40,000 in scores of illegal crossings.

The number of arrests made so far was not announced. —Reuter.

Mine-Damaged Vessel Arrives Safely Through Heavy Seas

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

Skillful navigation and a 24-hour-a-day vigilance by her crew enabled the leaking, mine-damaged **Wei Ming** to reach Hong Kong safely after seven days of severe battering by heavy seas.

Cracks on her walls, fixtures torn off from their positions and leaking holds bear evidence of an explosion which shook the 7,200-ton vessel shortly after she left Sasebo early this month for the Colony.

The Chinese steamer is now discharging 3,500 tons of coal at the Mackies Wharf. On completion of her unloading, she will go into dock for general repairs to her damaged equipment.

"It was pure bad luck and this ship was one of several hundreds that had passed the spot," Mr. R.O. Engelsen, the 55-year-old Norwegian master who heads an all-Chinese crew of 57, said yesterday.

The channel, open to all ships, had been swept clear of mines dropped by the Allied planes during the war. Measuring two miles wide and about 40 miles long, this channel, leading out from Sasebo to the open seas, has been used by hundreds of ships since the end of the war.

Prior to the departure of the Wei Ming, however, a heavy storm hit the town, and a magnetic mine lying in shallow waters nearby might have drifted into the channel, the veteran skipper declared.

One hour after the ship left the Japanese town a heavy explosion was heard, and felt under and about amidships.

"I was on the bridge directing the vessel with my officers on watch," Mr. Engelsen said. The window panes of the wheelhouse were shattered. Instruments jumped out from their consoles and were thrown all over the deck. A wooden rack above him dropped and scattered its articles.

A plug torn off from the wall hit the master on the head, but he was not injured seriously.

None of the crew, however, was injured, except for the momentary shock.

Orders to man the lifeboats and don life jackets were issued and distress calls were sent out.

A few minutes after the explosion the water around the ship became muddy.

Holds sounded. The holds were sounded and when it was found that the ship was not leaking, she was turned round and by various speed and constant sounding reached Sasebo, three hours later.

On the way back, she met four tugs, two belonging to the American Navy, which had answered her call. But they stood by as the Wei Ming entered Sasebo harbour under her own steam.

Japanese divers of the Sasebo Dockyard surveyed the ship and after temporary repairs to the damaged installations on board the Wei Ming resumed her journey to Hong Kong.

"In the open seas we encountered rough seas and the severe rolling and tossing caused the ship to leak," the master said. Water had to be pumped continuously.

As she lies now at Mackies Wharf, the ship's No. 1 hold leaks on the port side, the double-bottom tanks of No. 2 hold take in water and the other holds leak slightly. Pumping is under way at regular intervals.

An indication of the strength of the explosion was the lifting of the strong metal fire-master's room, which, ordinarily, would require two hefty men to carry. The iron safe was thrown six feet from its original position. The sink was pulled out from its attachments to the wall and fell on the floor. The master's table, suspended to the left wall, was torn off and the glass on it was broken to pieces.

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Attlee Studying Tribunal's Report On Investigation

London, January 23.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is today studying the report submitted by the special tribunal which investigated

allegations of corruption by certain Government Ministers and public servants. The report, which was finished yesterday, will be published this week and debated in Parliament. It is divided into two parts—the tribunal's findings and a verbatim report of the six-week hearings filling 750 closely printed foolscap pages.

At Chequers today Mr. Attlee will decide whether the report calls for any action on his part. No advance information on the tribunal's findings had been allowed to get out.

Two government officials have already resigned as a result of the investigation. The Labour MP, Mr. John Belcher, quit his post as Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade midway through the hearings. Mr. George Gibson, soon afterwards resigned his governorship in the Bank of England.

Gibson denied allegations that they received money bribes from contact men and business friends to influence their decisions on permits and licences which govern Britain's tightly controlled economy. However both Mr. Belcher and Mr. Gibson admitted receiving gifts ranging from paid hotel bills to cases of liquor and rationed goods.

Key Witness' Story. The key witness throughout the hearings, before the three-judge tribunal, was Mr. Sidney Stanley, a statesman self-admitted contact man between businessmen and Government officials.

The Sunday newspaper, The People, announced today that it had signed up Mr. Stanley to tell his life story.

It said Mr. Stanley, who has been described as the "most fascinating figure of our time" will lift the veil on his career.

Mr. Stanley, the man who staggered the world by his story in the witness box, will tell exactly how he does his big business deals.

Meanwhile the Sunday Empire News said in a headline from that evidence withheld during the tribunal hearings would form the basis of further serious charges involving three Ministers and a number of civil servants.

The paper said highly sensational evidence has been submitted to the authorities by detectives of the fraud squad. —United Press.

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No Eviction Before New Year

The Chinese New Year will not find the several hundreds of roof-top dwellers in Wanchai living in the streets, as was at first feared, but still in full possession of their share of the New Year.

Dr. Willis of the Eastern District Health Office informed the "China Mail" yesterday that the squatters will definitely not be evicted until after the Chinese New Year.

He further stated that no notice had yet been given to these people to move on, and that when they are officially notified to do so, they would be given 10 days to comply with the notice.

Albania Accuses Britain

The Hague, January 22.
Counsel for Albania told the International Court here today that Britain's minesweeping in the Corfu Channel has been "carried out unlawfully, unskillfully and with needless brutality."

The court concluded its hearing of the case in which Britain accuses Albania of responsibility for the mining of the two destroyers, the *Saunders* and *Volage*, with the loss of 44 sailors, in October, 1946.

She claims £1,000,000 compensation.

The hearing began on February 26 last year. No date has yet been fixed for the judgment, but it was unofficially believed that it will not be ready for at least six weeks.

Today, Professor Col, stating Albania's counter-charge, accused Britain of having violated Albanian territorial waters twice, first when the two destroyers, along with other British warships, passed through the Corfu Channel on October 22, 1946, and second, when she had the Channel swept on November 12. —Reuter.

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SQUATTER HUT FIRE IN CAUSEWAY BAY AREA

Bank's Profit For Last Year

The Bank of East Asia's
profits for the year ended
December 31, including
the balance brought for-
ward from 1947, amounts
to HK\$2,889,724.84, ac-
cording to a statement by
the bank.

The statement said that
the amount is still subject
to audit. The directors
have proposed to deal with
the profits as follows:
Pay a dividend of HK\$8
a share and a bonus of
HK\$2 a share.
Transfer to the Reserve
Fund HK\$1,000,000.00
Provision for charity
donations HK\$100,000.00
Carry forward HK\$889,724.84

Bandits Rob Ferry Launch

Jewellery, money and prop-
erty of an unestimated value
was the haul which eight band-
its took from the passengers
and crew of the Chi Keung,
a ferry launch plying between
Taipo and Sha Yu Chung,
shortly after noon yesterday.
The pirates, all armed with
short firearms and disguised
as passengers, took control of
the vessel near Mirs Bay just inside
Chinese Territorial waters.
After gathering their loot, all
the bandits made for shore in a
small junk and disappeared.
The launch returned and re-
ported the incident to the Water
Police.

The fire which gutted a squatters' hut on the
hillside 70 feet above Tin Hau Temple Road,
Causeway Bay, shortly after noon yesterday
claimed 11 casualties, including one fatality
—all pigs.

Were it not for the prompt arrival of two appli-
cances, under Divisional Officer R. H. J.
Brooks, the fire could have become another
major disaster, for the area is clustered with
huts.

Connecting a hose to the hydrant
in Tin Hau Temple Road,
firemen ran their pipe 100 feet
up the winding path leading to
the burning hut. Under the di-
rection of Station Officer Young
Ping-kwai, the fire fighters soon
had the flames under control, but
while 10 others sustained burns
and had the hair on one side of
the body singed.

According to the occupants of
the hut, who escaped with all
their belongings, the fire started
when a heap of shavings, which
they were using to boil pig-wash,
caught light. Instead of pouring
water on the flames, they tried to
beat it out.

The Emergency Unit under
Sub-Inspector F. Penfold, and a
party of Police from Bay View,
were early on the scene.

SS. TOMAR ON MAIDEN VOYAGE

The Norwegian steamer Tomar
arrived here yesterday on her
maiden voyage to the Far East.
On board are two women pas-
sengers who are making a round
trip. They are Mrs. Fangen, wife
of the well-known Norwegian
author, Ronald Fangen, who died
in a plane crash which killed the
entire Grace Moore, and Mrs.
Eve Hamme, wife of a well-known
Norwegian patriot who was killed
by the Germans.

Leaving Oslo on November 20
last year, the vessel had 12 pas-
sengers, who disembarked at
Singapore and Manila.

The Tomar has three
stowaways for the passengers.
The crew are all Norwegians.
Some of them are seeing the Col-
ony for the first time.

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Vigil Over Lunar New Year

With the approach of the
Chinese New Year, the police
are taking additional precau-
tions against what has been
taken for granted as the usual
seasonal crop of armed rob-
beries and burglaries.

Commencing today, addi-
tional and stronger patrols
will conduct surprise searches
on the roads and ferry
wharves. Mobile patrols will
be equipped with riot batons,
as well as the regulation, re-
volver.

Road blocks in the New
Territories will also be in-
stalled, while a continuous road
block will be maintained
along Tsing Road and Castle
Peak Road.

Persons entering the British
territory from across the bor-
der will be subjected to a very
thorough search, and develop-
ment of the border will be
greatly augmented.

These additional precautions
will be taken up to February
7, the 10th day of the Chinese
New Year.

ANTI-RUSSIAN DEMONSTRATION

Rome, January 22.
Some 6,000 students demon-
strated today in front of the Russian
Embassy to protest against the
delivery of Italian warships to
Russia as provided by the Italian
peace treaty.

Flying squads of policemen scat-
tered the students, who chanted:
"Down with the Russians." The
students reassembled later in
Piazza Colonna, often the scene of
Communist demonstrations.

They criticised Foreign Minister
Carlo Sforza for his conduct of
Italy's foreign affairs until other
police action dispersed them—
United Press.

Italy, Austria, Discuss Borders

Rome, January 22.
Italian and Austrian representa-
tives today began negotiations on
the application of a frontier agree-
ment signed here last November
by the Austrian Foreign Minister,
Dr. Karl Gruber, and the Italian
Foreign Minister, Count Carlo
Sforza.

The agreement was designed to
reduce customs formalities and
facilitate the exchange and transit
of goods between Austria and the
Alto Adige area of Italy, formerly
the Austrian South Tyrol.

The negotiations for a commer-
cial treaty between Italy and Aus-
tria, begun on November 29 and
interrupted by the Christmas hol-
days, will begin on February 15—
Reuter.

MOSCOW'S REPLY TO U.S. PRESIDENT

Moscow, January 22.
President Harry Truman's in-
augural speech was described in
today's Moscow Press as an
"enraged attack" against Com-
munism.

"The Russian news agency,
in the first Russian commentary on
the President's inaugural speech,
said that the President's pro-
gramme included the creation of a
military bloc in the form of an
alliance of the countries of the
North Atlantic and the securing of
"maximum possibilities for the
penetration of American capital
into backward nations."—Asso-
ciated Press.

Exile European Parliament To Be Formed Shortly

London, January 22

A European Parliament exclusively composed of
exiles from Iron Curtain countries may be set
up in London shortly, it was reliably learned
here today.

Leading British and inter-
national liberal quarters are
backing the project of the Euro-
pean Exile Parliament, which
will be discussed in a three-
day conference of Central and
Eastern European exiles to be
held under the auspices of
Liberal International next
week.

The conference, starting next
Wednesday, will be presided over
by the famous Spanish liberal
scholar, Salvador de Madariaga,
and will include representatives
from 10 countries: Bulgaria,
Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Hungary,
Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Ro-
mania, the Ukraine and Yugo-
slavia.

The conference will work out
detailed proposals regarding the
projected exile assembly, and will form
an international organization of
liberal exiles as a counterpart of
the international organizations of
exiled Agrarians, leaders and
Socialists.

The conference of liberal exiles,
which will elect a negotiating com-
mittee to approach "all responsible
democratic exile groups," will also
be called upon to vote on a res-
olution which declares that Euro-
pean freedom is threatened as long
as freedom is suppressed in Spain
and Central Europe.

Most of the Western European
countries, as well as Canada and
the United States, will be repre-
sented.

One point on the agenda is what
action to take on the manifesto
published by anti-Franco parties
within Spain.—United Press.

MINE-DAMAGED VESSEL ARRIVES SAFELY THROUGH HEAVY SEAS

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The steamship "Feeling" the
water in the mine's room was
torn off and the exhaust pipe
there had to be repaired.

Terrific Explosion
Mr. S. C. Shau, second officer,
was in the chart room when he
was shaken by a terrific explosion
under the ship. The chronometer
nearby jumped out of its container
and the ship's charting instru-
ments were strewn all over the
deck. The compass in the wheel
house was torn off its plug. The
steering teleometer was damaged
when the explosion burst its
pipes.—Said.

The chief engineer reported
that the explosion burst the
main sea pipe and he had to
shut off the sea valve immedi-
ately to prevent water from coming
in. The sea valve leaked and the
discharge pipe was torn off. Other
damaged parts included the fire
apparatus pipe, the ice machine
oil pipe, the auxiliary pipes and
the bilge.

The Wei Ming was cruising at
about 12 knots when she detected
the mine. About 20 minutes
after the incident, Mr. S. C. Shau
said he turned the engines and
by various speed brought her back
to Sasebo.

The steam pipes in the engine
room were safe, he said.
The Wei Ming, built in 1918 at
Newport News, United States, is
seeing Hong Kong for the fourth
time since the war. Measuring
365 feet long with a beam of 55
feet, she has a draught of 25 feet.
She has been on the Hong Kong-
Japan run for nearly six months,
carrying coal from the North.

New York, January 23.
Bonds moved narrowly higher
in the night were still higher
this morning. Green, Adams, Coal,
Cities Service, Copper, Range,
Shaded a bit were U.S. Air Con-
ditioning and Babcock and Wil-
cox.—Associated Press.

WEDNESDAY
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NOTICE

LONDON MATRICULATION

The London Matriculation Examination will be held in Hong Kong in June, 1949.

Entry forms for private students may be obtained from the Education Office 3rd floor, Windsor House and should be returned on or before January 31st 1949. Students attending schools in the Colony should forward their entries through the Heads of the Schools.

Students wishing to enter for London University External Degree Examinations are reminded that it is necessary to register as an external student of the University a considerable time before the actual date of the Examination. Further information may be obtained from the Education Office.

T. R. ROWELL,
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Optimists, Scorpions Draw In League Game

The First League cricket match between HKCC "Optimists" and HKCC "Scorpions" at Chater Road yesterday ended in a draw.

"Optimists" had first lease of the wicket and were all out for 214. N. R. Oliver was top-scorer with 46, followed by W. L. Howard with 37 not out. L. D. Kilbee and N. R. Arthy, the opening batsmen, hit 30 runs each.

McKenley In New Record

Sydney, January 22.
The Jamaican runner Herb McKenley set a new Australian record time of 21 seconds for the 220 yards to a heat.

McKenley made his fast run in the final of the 220 yards Australian championship at Sydney cricket ground. He believes that his time is a world record for a circular track.

He clipped one-fifth of a second off the previous Australian record made by John Treloar in 1948.

Earlier, the Panamanian Lloyd La Beach equalled Treloar's record time in a heat.

McKenley led all the way in the final winning from Australia's John Bartram with La Beach third. Associated Press.

FRENCH ISSUE BOND LOAN

Paris, January 22.
The French Finance Minister, M. Maurice Petche, announced on Friday that the French Government will start selling 100,000,000 francs worth of five per cent bonds on Monday.

The proceeds will be used for reconstruction and re-equipment. He said in a formal statement. The bonds will not be convertible until January 1950.

A novel feature of the loan provides that certain previous series of bonds, now selling at par, can be exchanged at par value for the new issue. These old bonds will be accepted for only half the value of the new purchase, however. The other half must be paid in cash. Associated Press.

Govt Continues Segregation

Capetown, January 21.
At the opening of Parliament today, the Government made known its intention to continue its policy of segregation of races but to work for better interracial relations.

Among bills introduced were:

1. Prohibition of mixed marriages.
2. Provision for representation for South West Africa.

A spokesman for the government also said steps to combat Communism would be studied, since Marxist philosophy had assumed considerable dimensions among certain classes. United Press.

New York, January 23.
Engineering construction contracts awarded this week totalled US\$99,001,000 compared with US\$132,685,000 the previous week and US\$119,149,000 last year, the Engineering News Record reported. Associated Press.

Complaint Against Cerdan

Paris, January 23.
The French police continued preliminary investigations today of a complaint formally made by Madame Marchal, alleging that the world middleweight boxing champion, Marcel Cerdan, fled her to a bed in a New York hotel and later forcibly put her on a Paris-bound plane.

According to Madame Marchal, who had accompanied the French cabaret singer, Miss Edith Piaf, on a New York visit, Cerdan wanted her to return to France to prevent her making allegations regarding his and Miss Piaf's private lives. Associated Press.

Turpin To Fight Mitri

Rome, January 22.
Dick Turpin, the British champion, is to have a return middleweight fight with Mitri, the Italian title holder, at Trieste on February 19, according to a statement by the Italian Boxing Federation.

The winner, it is added, will meet Cyrille Delaport for the Bologna's European middleweight title.

Turpin and Mitri fought a draw when they first met in an eliminator at London's Albert Hall.

The Trieste fight will take place over 12 rounds in a hangar at the seaplane base, and as Trieste is Mitri's home town, a defeat of the 8,000 seats is confidently expected. Associated Press.

TRIBUTE PAID TO BADAN SINGH

The Kowloon Indian Tennis Club held its first meeting yesterday, with Mr. Mahan Singh, president, presiding.

Mr. Mahan Singh paid a tribute to Mr. Badan Singh, who died recently, for the work which he had put in after the liberation.

The following officials were elected: President—Mr. Mahan Singh; Vice-President, Mr. F. T. Mohan; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. S. Grewal; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Dayaram; Hon. representatives: Mr. Biraj Khatu, Committee Members—Messrs. Gopal Das, Hira Advani, L. Rathour, Yash Khatu, Ram Ali, Iman Din and Vilas Singh.

VISIT GILMANS MOTOR SHOW TO DAY

Washington, January 23.
The Association of American Railroads said rail freight movement during the second week of January continued to run substantially below the volume for the corresponding period last year and the year-before. Associated Press.

New Suggestions To Limit Power Of Cricket Bat

London, January 22.
The worldwide spate of high scoring, with the great supremacy of the batsman over the bowler in the highest class of cricket, has led to new suggestions for narrowing this difference and brightening cricket generally.

Walter Robins, former Middlesex captain and one of the leading advocates of brighter cricket, has put forward a suggestion for a narrower bat—three and a quarter inches against the present four and a quarter inches.

Of course, its success or failure can only be discovered by trial and error, and not until someone has tried it out in first class and club cricket could any definite view be put forward. Robins' suggestions led to many others, as always happens when any revolutionary idea is put forward. One is to leave the bat alone but increase the width and, possibly, the height of the stumps, which would give the bowler a more sporting chance of laying them low.

Another is to change the scoring in County games and put the premium on victory with nothing for a first innings win.

Other proposals for improving the game are a ball with an extra seam, and a plastic ball. These are being given a chance to prove their worth. The new ball, to be tried out by every first class County in their first two matches of the season in June, will have a nine-core thread instead of the normal eight.

To Aid Bowlers
This is expected to give the bowlers more assistance, particularly to exponents of swing bowling.

Another former Middlesex captain, "Gubby" Allen, who also captained England, is responsible for the experiment. He got the idea when he picked up a 1926 ball, which he had never used. It feels bigger, gives the bowlers something to get their fingers on, and the bigger grip helps the ball to swing more.

The latest plastic ball, which comes within the regulation weight and has the appearance of a new leather ball, complete with stitches, has been tried out by Alf Sover, the former Surrey and England fast bowler, who now concentrates on coaching.

The ball swings about even more than the ordinary type of ball when new, but the "seam" does not last so long.

Finally, the Cricket News of the Week includes a report from South Africa that the MCC players are, after all, to receive some kind of bonus for the huge crowds they are attracting in the Union. Associated Press.

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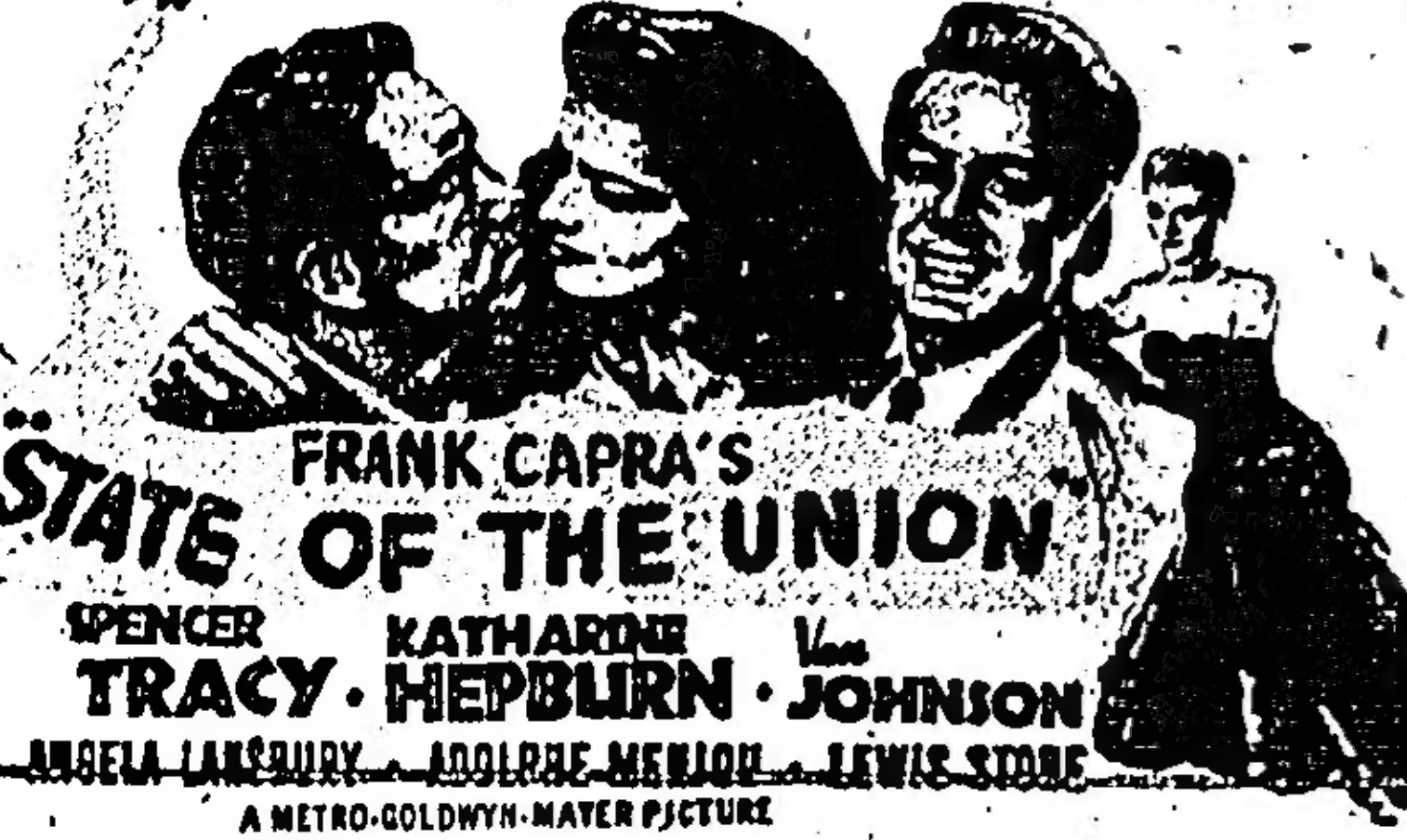
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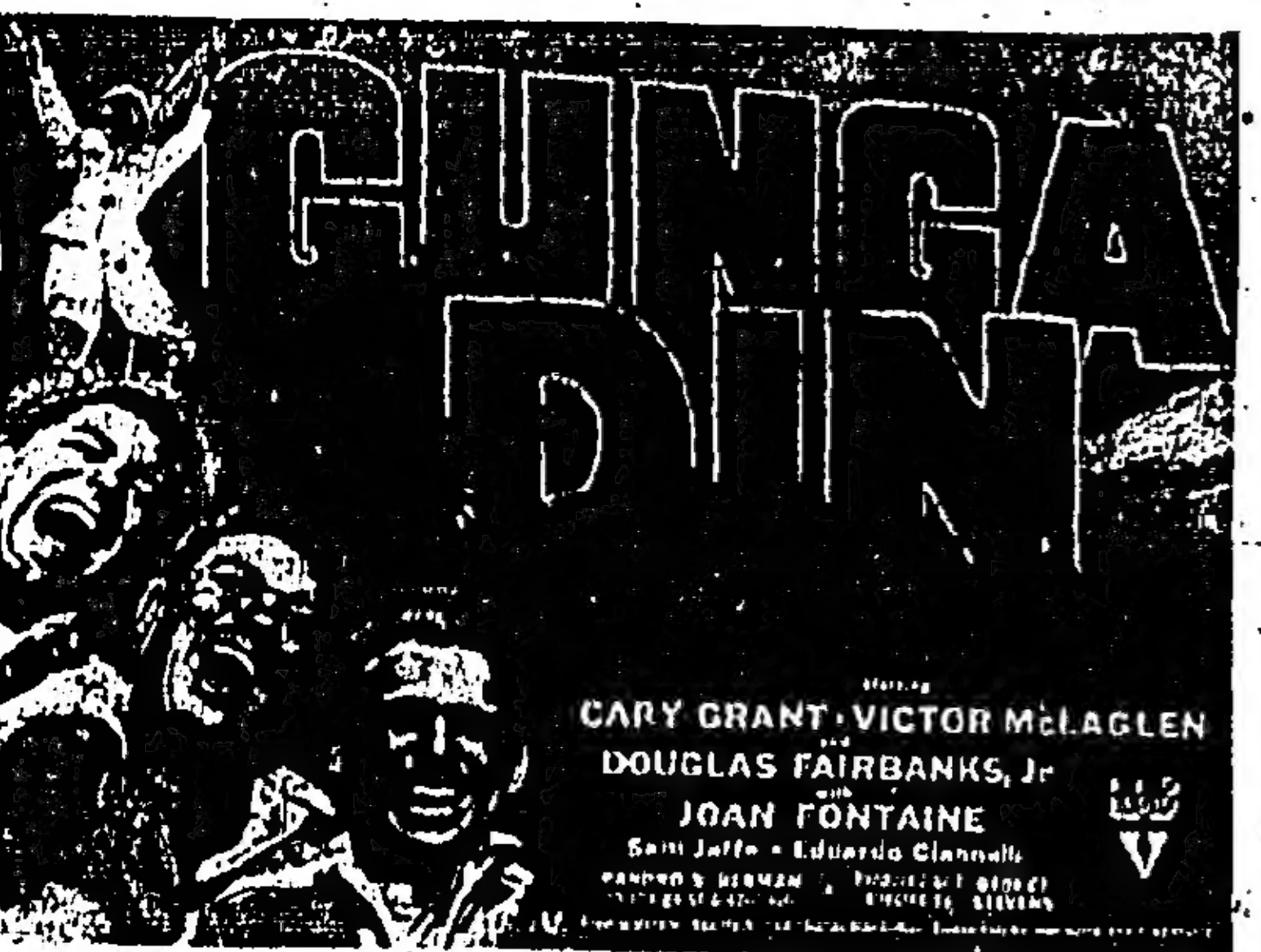
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Airliner Disappears

Miami, Florida, January 22. The search for the British South American Airways liner, Star Ariel, which disappeared on a flight from Bermuda to Jamaica five days ago with 20 people on board, ended last night, the Coast Guard Air-Sea Rescue Headquarters announced here today.

Endorses Truman Aid Programme

Washington, January 22. President Truman's proposal to use American technical skill and capital to develop the backward areas of the world was endorsed today by Mr. John McCloy, President of the International Reconstruction and Development Bank.

President Truman proposed the plan in his inaugural address on Thursday. Mr. McCloy told Reuters that the President's scheme was entirely in line with the principles of the World Bank.

The Bank, with a capital backing of \$8,000,000,000, was always encouraging and financing schemes to this end, he said. The difficulty was not so much to find the dollars as to find technicians, and President Truman's proposals should go far to fill this gap.

Marshall Plan officials also said they were keenly interested in the programme. They said the Marshall Plan organisation for European Economic Co-operation in Paris is already preparing a four-year programme for the development of backward areas.

The Truman programme for an expansion of American private investment overseas would be a logical development of the Marshall Plan itself. Although the Truman programme might concentrate on under-developed areas outside Europe, it would greatly assist European powers, particularly the Colonial powers, by increasing world purchasing power and productivity and providing a market for European, as well as American goods, ECA officials added.

President Truman's programme was also endorsed today by the inter-American Economic and Social Council, the body responsible for economic co-operation among the 21 nations of the Western Hemisphere.—Reuters.

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WRAC Becomes Part Of Regular Army

London, January 22. The War Office has announced that a Royal War-rant is to be issued constituting the Women's Royal Army Corps which will be formed on February 1, as a corps in the Regular Army.

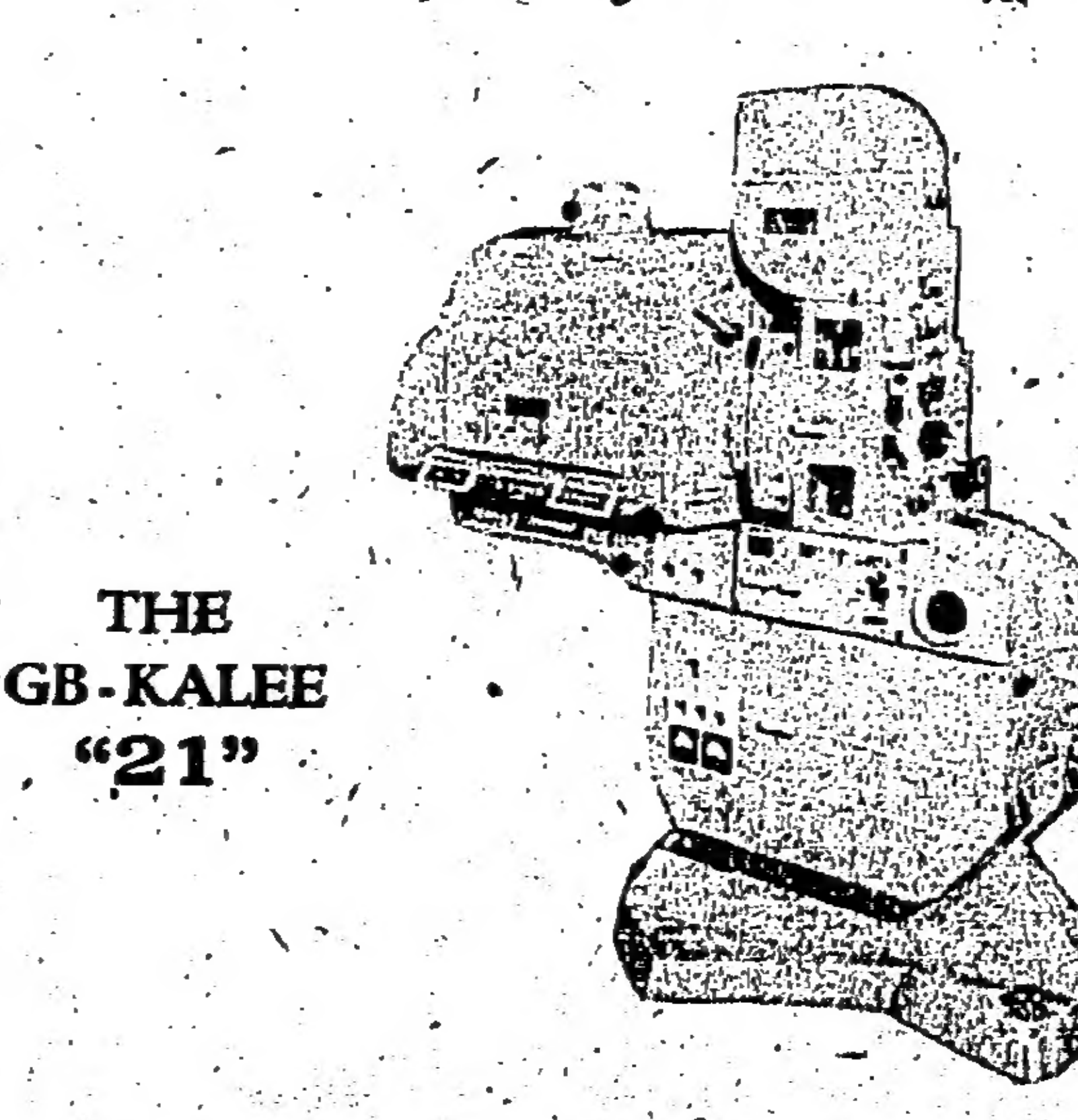
This follows the announcement that the Women's Royal Air Force will be integrated with the Royal Air Force on February 1. WRAC officers and other ranks will, with minor exceptions and modifications, be subject to the Army Act and the King's Regulations to the same extent as members of any other corps of the Army.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

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12.32 p.m.—Melodies from British Radio.
George Crow and His Blue Marliners Dance Band with Barbara Summer (Vocal) (NCTCS).
1.00 p.m.—Otto Dehnbach and His Piano Symphonies.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.35 p.m.—Ethel Smith—Rhythm, Trance and Orchestra.
1.45 p.m.—Tchaikovsky: "Aurora's Wedding" Ballet.... London Philharmonic Orchestra.
2.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.00 p.m.—"It's Swing Time."
6.10 p.m.—Portuguese Half Hour. (Studio)
7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)
7.15 p.m.—"The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" by Jonathan, Sly. (Studio)
7.30 p.m.—Hospital Request Half Hour Presented by Nan Dickinson. (Studio)
8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay)
8.10 p.m.—English Madrigals sung by the Cambridge University Madrigal Society.
8.30 p.m.—"I Like What I Like" presented by Jack Jacob. (Studio)
9.00 p.m.—Jean Cavalier Epitaphs.
9.15 p.m.—Linda Carter Talks on Films. (Studio)
9.30 p.m.—London Playhouse "Brighton Rock."
10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)
10.15 p.m.—London Studio Concert. The Boyd New String Orchestra. (NCTCS)
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U.S. Officer Dies In Greece

Athens, January 22. A U.S. Army sergeant in Greece, Lieutenant Colonel Golden R. Ebner, of California, is reported to have been killed in an air crash in the Karpenisi area in Central Greece on Friday.

Australia, NZ, To Join Forces?

Sydney, January 22. Australia and New Zealand might soon join with India, Pakistan and Ceylon in forming a Far East regional defence Council, the Canberra correspondent of the Sydney Sunday Herald claimed today.

The Council will frame joint defence measures to deal with any threat to the Commonwealth countries in the Pacific and Indian Ocean areas, the correspondent said.

The Communist successes in China and evidence that Russia was turning her eyes increasingly towards Asia were understood to have hastened the plans for a joint defence consultation between the five Dominions.

The correspondent said it was made clear at the Commonwealth Premiers meeting in London last October that because of Britain's economic manpower difficulties and her commitments in Europe, the Dominions must shoulder a greatly increased share in Empire defence and that the Pacific and Asian Dominions could no longer rely on the protection of the Royal Navy.

In the new joint defence plans, the principal role of Australia and New Zealand would probably be the provision of air and naval forces. The main ground forces would be supplied by India and Pakistan.

Ceylon's most important contribution would be the vital strategic naval base at Trincomalee.—Reuters.

Washington, January 22. The United States and Saudi Arabia have agreed to raise their Legations to the status of Embassies, the State Department announced today.—Reuters.

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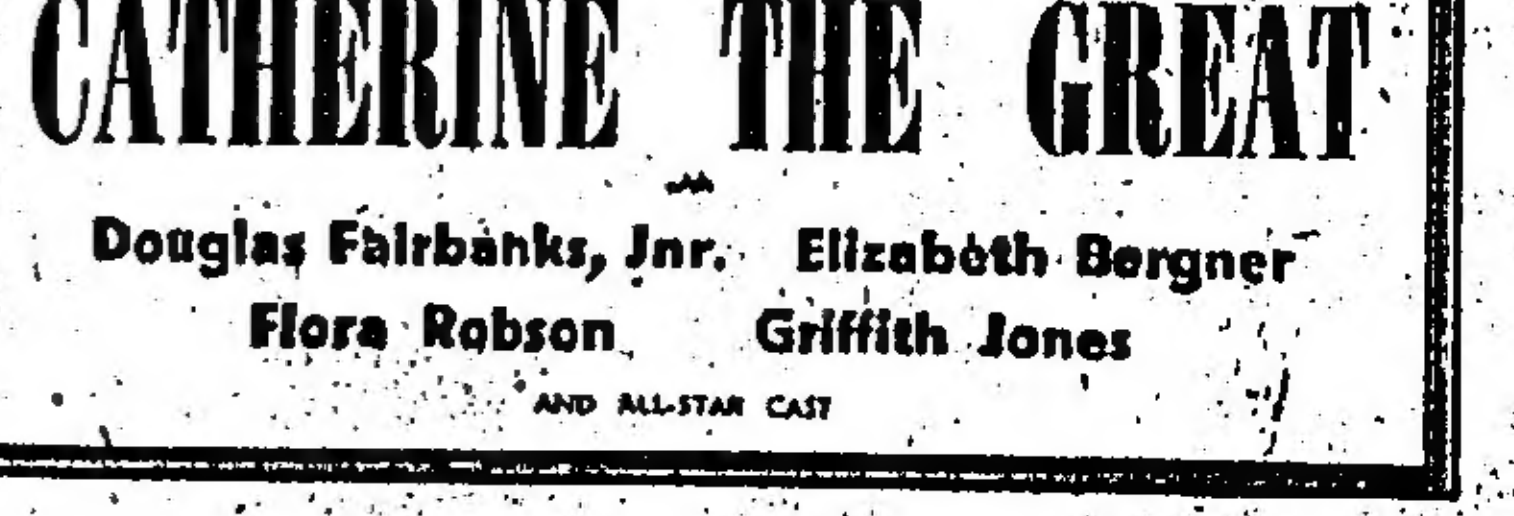


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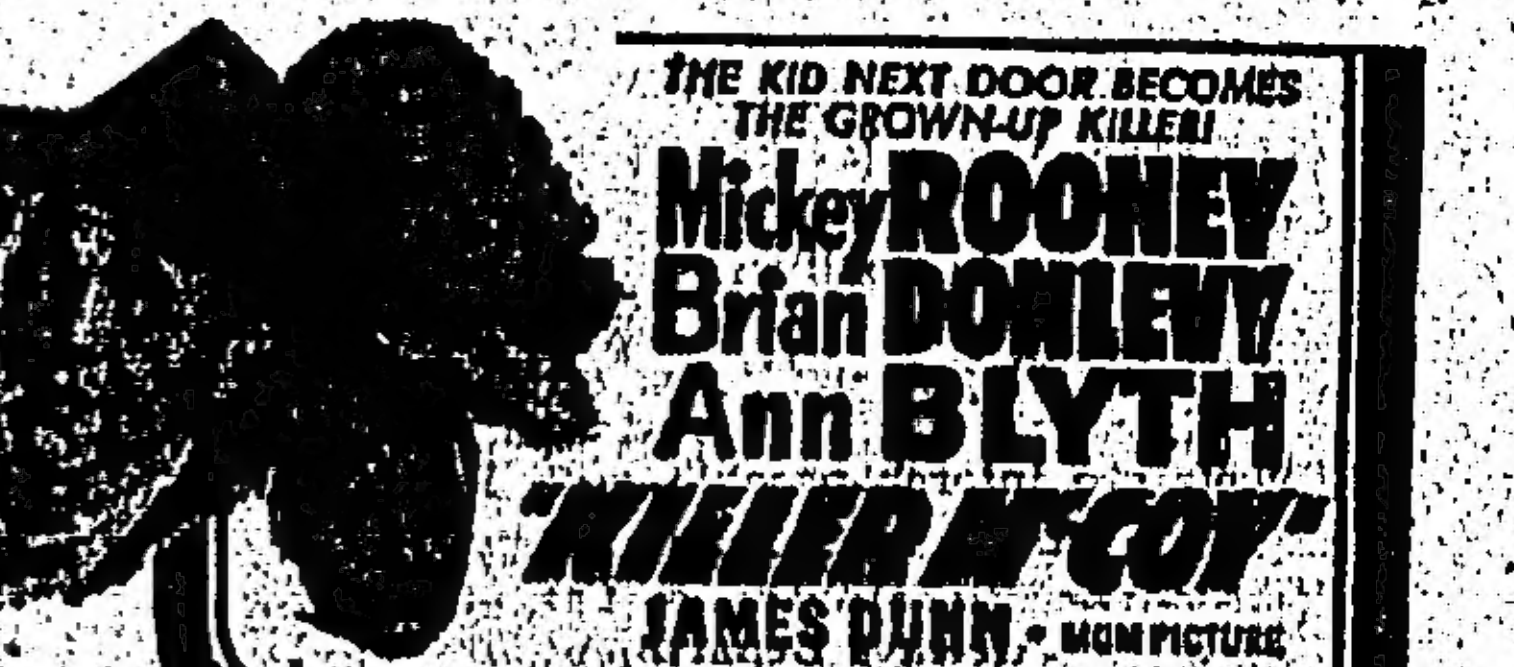


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in North of the Ruhr. In that single zone of advance we could not logistically sustain more than thirty-five divisions. If, however, we should first, in a series of concentrated and powerful attacks, destroy the German forces West of the Rhine, the effect would be to give us all along the great front a defensive line of equal strength to the enemy's. We calculated that with the Western bank of the Rhine in our possession we could hurl some seventy-five reinforced divisions against the German in Germany in great converging attacks. If we allowed the enemy South of the Ruhr to remain in the Siegfried, we would be limited to a single offensive by some thirty-five divisions.

A second advantage of our plan would be the depletion of the German forces later to be met at the crossings of the Rhine. Moreover, the effect of the converging attack is multiplied when it is accompanied by such air power as we had in Europe in the early months of 1945. Through its use we could prevent the enemy from switching forces back and forth at will, against either of the attacking columns and we could likewise employ our entire air power at any moment to further the advance in any area desired.

I laboriously explained to Field Marshal Brooke that, far from dispersing effort, I was concentrating the campaign so that when we were ready to initiate the final invasion of Germany on the other side of the Rhine we could bring such a concerted and tremendous power against him that his collapse would quickly follow. The decisive advantage in gaining the Rhine River along its length was to increase drastically the proportion of the Allied forces that could be used offensively.

I did not wholly convince him. He said, "I wish that the Twelfth Army Group were deployed North of the Ruhr and the British forces were in the centre," implying that my plans were drawn up on nationalistic considerations. To this I retorted: "I am certainly not more anxious to put Americans into the thick of the battle and get them killed than I am to see the British take the losses. I have strengthened Montgomery's army group by a full American army, since in no other way can I provide the strength North of the Ruhr that I deem essential for the rapid execution of my plans. I have not devised any plan on the basis of what individual or what nation gets the glory, for I must tell you in my opinion there is no glory in battle worth the blood it costs."

Field Marshal Brooke expressed the hope that things would work out as I believed they would, but he was apparently doubtful of Allied ability to destroy the German armies West of the Rhine in a series of powerful blows.

At the same time there was again suggested to me the establishment of an over-all ground commander to operate directly under SHAEE. I responded that I was not certain that our plans for the completion of the German defeat were the best that could be devised. Entirely aside from my feeling that the proposed arrangement would be futile and clumsy, I was determined to prevent any interference with the exact and rapid execution of those plans.

In early January, I learned that the President, the Prime Minister, and their staffs were again to meet with Generalissimo Stalin, this time at Yalta. General Marshall proceeded separately from the rest of the American group into Europe, and I arranged to meet him secretly at Marseilles. I went there on Jan-

uary 25 and we had a long talk about the situation as we then saw it. In Washington he had heard rumors of the British Staff's dissatisfaction with our plans and had also heard the proposal that a single ground commander be set up. I explained our situation and outlined the exact steps by which we planned the defeat of Germany. He was in full agreement. At the time, however, there was one miscalculation in our plans, based upon faulty technical information. The engineers had made many studies of the Rhine River, based upon statistics covering a long period. They had reported to me that successful assaults could probably not be made over the Rhine until about the first of May. This opinion was so forcibly expressed that in my own mind I had accepted the necessary delay and was planning not to start our major assaults across the river until about that time. This did not, of course, affect any part of our plans that were to be executed before the time came to cross the river. Later our technical advice on this point was markedly changed and we found that it was feasible to cross the river, establish bridges, and maintain ourselves long before the first of May.

General Marshall was so impressed by the soundness of the whole plan that he suggested I send my chief of staff, General Smith, to Malta to participate in a conference that was to take place there between the President, the Prime Minister, and their respective staffs before they went on to Yalta. He remarked: "I can, of course, uphold your position more on the principle that these decisions fall within your sphere of responsibility. But your plan is so sound that I think it better for you to send General Smith to Malta so that he may explain these matters in detail. Their logic will be convincing." I was glad to agree because I well knew that with General Marshall backing me up there could be no danger of interference with our developing plans.

Field Marshal Brooke's argument in the matter was founded in conviction. There was no petty basis for his great concern. This was proved by the fact that only a few weeks later, when the destruction of the German armies West of the Rhine had been accomplished and he stood with me on the banks of the river to witness the crossing by the Ninth Army and the Twenty-first Army Group, he turned to me and said: "Thank God, Ike, you stuck by your plan. You were completely right and I am sorry if my fear of dispersed effort added to your burdens. The German is now licked. It is merely a question of when he chooses to quit. Thank God you stuck by your guns." The operational schedule for the first phase of our strategic plan—destruction of the German forces West of the Rhine—contemplated three major assaults. The first would be by the Twenty-first Army Group at the Northern flank of our lines; the second, by Bradley's group in the centre and the third, a converging attack by Bradley and Devers to eliminate the enemy garrison in the Saar Basin.

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CHINA AND PEACE

News of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's "temporary resignation" from the highest office of the land did not, come unexpectedly. Rumours that he would step down to enable tottering Nanking to seek peace with the Communists have been in the air since the fatal fall of Mukden and the fiasco at Hsuehchow.

Nevertheless, the actual announcement appears to have caught many officials in Nanking unprepared although the masses themselves have long ago given up showing any interest as to who heads the affairs of the nation.

Chiang's "leave of absence," cleverly leaving the way open for a Napoleonic return should the peace makers fail in their efforts, should be regarded, however, in the light of cold facts—the exit of a man who has served his purpose. Riding into power on a wave of patriotism and popularity 21 years ago, Chiang's apparent curtain call was anything but glorious. Picture the President of China leaving the capital minus brass bands and official fanfare, with only the heads of the five Yuan present to wish him bon voyage, and his temporary absence becomes more a flight into exile.

The President's departure from office leaves the biggest problem still ahead—that of seeking peace with the victorious Communists. Peace delegates have been appointed, but that alone will not guarantee peace. They must, first, locate the elusive leaders of the Communists—a task which does not appear very simple at the moment. Secondly, the peace advocates must, if past reports are accurate, be prepared to surrender Nationalist China unconditionally. Here, the biggest obstacle to a peace may be encountered, although it is highly possible that the Chinese method of give-and-take bargaining may yet save the day.

The Communists have nothing to lose by rejecting anything but unconditional surrender, since their armies are in a position to fight for what is not handed to them on a platter. Nevertheless, stubbornness on the part of Mao Tse-tung in insisting on unconditional surrender to the point of carrying on the war for another few months could cost him the future loyalty of a large part of the people who at present wish for nothing more than an end to fighting.

The Chinese are known for their ability to take punishment in their stride as part of their existence; floods, famines and exploitation by ruthless warlords testify to that. At the moment, however, they are tired of war, inflation and insecurity. They may not be certain whether life under the Communists will be better than under the Kuomintang. They believe it could be worse and fervently hope it will be better.

Athens, January 22.—The Greek Cabinet tonight decided to impose press censorship on military news. Reuters, sometimes hundreds of

CHAPTER 19
CROSSING THE RHINE

ALL DURING THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE WE CONTINUED to plan for the final offensive blows which, once started, we intended to maintain incessantly until defeat of Germany. Operations were planned in three general phases, beginning with a series of attacks along the front to destroy the German armies West of the Rhine. The next phase would comprise the crossing of that river and establishment of major bridgeheads. Thereafter we would initiate the final advances that we were sure would carry us into the heart of Germany and destroy her remaining power to resist.

Somewhere during this final advance we would meet portions of the Red Army coming from the East and it now became important to arrange closer co-ordination with the activities of the Red Army. During earlier campaigns we had been kept informed of the general intentions of the Soviet forces by the Combined Chiefs of Staff. This provided sufficient co-ordination between the two forces so long as the two zones of operations were widely separated. Now, however, the time had come to exchange information of plans as to objectives and timing.

In early January, 1945, with the approval of the Combined Chiefs of Staff, I sent Air Chief Marshal Tedder to Moscow to make necessary arrangements for this co-ordination. He was accompanied by Major General Harold R. Bull and Brigadier General T. J. Betts, two able American officers from the SHAEE staff. Air Chief Marshal Tedder was authorized to give the Russian military authorities full information concerning our plans for the late winter and spring, and was to obtain similar information concerning Russian plans.

We already knew that the Russians were contemplating an early Westward attack from their positions around Warsaw, in the Vistula. We understood that the Russians had effected concentrations for an offensive by the first of the year, but because of conditions of terrain and, more particularly, because of thick blankets of fog and cloud that interfered with air operations, they were holding up the attack until conditions should be more favourable. We learned through the Combined Chiefs of Staff, however, that even if these conditions failed to show improvement the Russian attack would be launched no later than January 15. It began on January 12 and made remarkable progress.

Air Chief Marshal Tedder and his associates arrived in Moscow just after this attack began. The Generalissimo and the Russian military authorities received them with the utmost cordiality and there was a full and accurate exchange of information concerning future plans. The Generalissimo informed our mission that even if the attacks then in progress should fail to reach their designated objectives the Russians would keep up a series of continuous operations that would, at the very least, prevent the German from reinforcing the Western front by withdrawing forces from the Russian zone.

As a further result of this initial effort the Combined Chiefs of Staff authorized me to communicate directly with Moscow on matters that were exclusively military in character. Later in the campaign my interpretation of this authorization was sharply challenged by Mr. Churchill, the difficulty arising out of the age-old truth that politics and military activities are never completely separable.

In modern war the need for co-ordination between two friendly forces that are attacking toward a common centre is far more acute than it was in the days when fighting was confined to the ground, along a narrow band of territory defined by the range of small arms and field guns. Today the lighter bombers supporting an attacking army constantly range over the enemy ship on military news. Reuters, sometimes hundreds of

The projected attack for February 8-10 was to be merely the beginning of a series of blows that the Russians had planned to complete the destruction of the German West of the Rhine. I wanted to pass to the general offensive as quickly as possible because I was convinced that in the Battle of the Bulge the enemy had committed all of his remaining reserves. I counted on a greatly weakened resistance from that moment onward, both because of losses suffered by the Germans and because of the widespread discouragement that I felt sure would overtake his armies. Moreover—and this was very important—the Russians had opened their long-awaited and powerful winter offensive on January 12. Already we had reports that it was making great progress and it was obvious that the quicker we could attack the more certain we would be that the German could not again reinforce his West front in an effort to avoid defeat.

miles in his rear. Their purpose was to find and destroy hostile headquarters, dumps, depots, and bridges and to attack reserve formations. Long before the two friendly armies themselves can make contact there arises a delicate problem in co-ordination to prevent unfortunate accidents and misunderstandings between allied but separated forces.

Recognition of friend or foe on the battlefield is never easy. In our own War Between the States, where one side was clad in the blue and the other in gray, more than one sharp fight took place between units of the same army. In modern war, where both sides are designed with the idea of blending with the countryside, where the mass formations of the nineteenth century are never seen, and where the speeds of planes and vehicles afford observers only a fleeting instant for decisive action, the problem is difficult to solve. These matters would demand more and more detailed attention as our advance progressed. But in January 1945 we needed primarily to know the timing and direction of the next Russian attack and to lay the groundwork that would permit future battlefield co-operation.

By early 1945 the effects of our air offensive against the German economy had become catastrophic. Our great land advances had effectively disrupted the enemy's air warning and defence system and had overrun many places, particularly the Western European ports where submarine nests were located—places which had formerly diverted much of our bombing effort from targets in the heart of Germany. Another advantage that our strategic bombers now enjoyed was better protection from accompanying fighters. Groups of fighters could be located at forward airfields near the Rhine and in spite of their comparatively short range, could operate over almost any target in Axis territory.

By this time also the air offensive had achieved remarkable success in depleting the German oil reserves. For many months the enemy's oil resources had been the principal objective of strategic bombing and as the effects of this offensive accumulated there developed a continuous crisis in German transportation and in all phases of her war effort. It had a definite influence upon the ground battle. Germany found it increasingly difficult to transfer reserve troops and supplies from one front to another, while her troops in every sector were constantly embarrassed by lack of fuel for vehicles. The effect was felt also by the Luftwaffe, in which training of new pilots because of fuel shortage had been sharply curtailed.

During the long winter fighting our Intelligence staffs began to bring us disturbing information that the Germans were making great progress in the development of jet planes. Our air commanders were of the opinion that if the enemy could succeed in putting these planes into the air in considerable numbers they would quickly begin to exact insupportable losses from our bombers operating over Germany. Our own development of jet planes was progressing in the United States and in Great Britain but we were not yet far enough along to count on squadrons of them during the spring campaign.

Our only possible recourse was to attempt by our bombing effort to delay German production of this new weapon. The air force knew that extra-long runways were required for the employment of the jet plane and whenever they found a German field with such a runway they kept it under intermittent but repeated bombardment. In addition they sought out every area where they believed these planes were under construction. This caused some diversion from our objective of depleting oil reserves but by January 1945 we

had such air strength and efficiency that we could afford it without material damage to our primary mission. The effect of our bombing effort against jet production was at least partially successful because the German never succeeded in employing a sufficient number of the new planes to damage us materially.

Information concerning all these things was gathered by our Intelligence services, which I presented to me their calculations and conclusions. These emphasized the mounting difficulties of the German war machine and encouraged me and all my associates to believe that one more great campaign, aggressively conducted on a broad front, would give the death blow to Hitler Germany.

I found, among some of the higher military officials of Britain, a considerable and, to me, surprising opposition to my plan.

The relationship maintained by the American Chiefs of Staff with their commanders in the field differed markedly from that which existed between similar echelons in the British service. The American doctrine has always been to assign a theatre commander a mission, to provide him with a definite amount of force, and then to interfere as little as possible in the execution of his plans. The theory is that the man in the field knows more of the tactical situation than some one removed by several thousand miles from the scene of action; and that if results obtained by the field commander become unsatisfactory the proper procedure is not to advise, admonish, and harass him, but to replace him by another commander.

On the other hand, the British Chiefs in London maintained throughout the war the closest kind of daily contact with their own commanders in the field and insisted upon being constantly informed as to details of strength, plans, and situation. This habit may have been based upon sound reasons of which I know nothing, but it was always a shock to me, raised in the tradition of the American services, to find that the British Chiefs regularly queried their commanders in the field concerning tactical plans. For example, the British commander was required to submit to London a daily report covering every item of information that in our service would only in exceptional circumstances go higher than a local army headquarters.

My own practice throughout the war was merely to submit to Washington and London brief daily situation reports called "Cosintreps" (combined situation and intelligence reports). When I completed my final plan in January 1945 my friend Field Marshal Sir Alan Brooke informally but very earnestly presented serious objections. His questions were directed against what he called the planned dispersion of our forces. He maintained that we would never have enough strength to mount more than one full-blooded attack across the Rhine. Consequently, he said, in order to assure ourselves of the strength to sustain such an attack we should, as the situation then stood, pass to the defensive on all other parts of the line.

Dispersion is one of the greatest crimes in warfare, but as with all other generalities the proper application of the truth is far more important than mere knowledge of its existence.

In the situation facing us in January, the German enjoyed the great advantage of the Siegfried defences in the area Northward from the Saar, inclusive. As long as we allowed him to remain in those elaborate fortifications his ability was enhanced to hold great portions of his long line with relatively weak forces, while he concentrated for spoiling attacks at selected points. This meant that a large proportion of the Allied Force would be immobilized in a protective role, with only that portion on the offensive that could be main-

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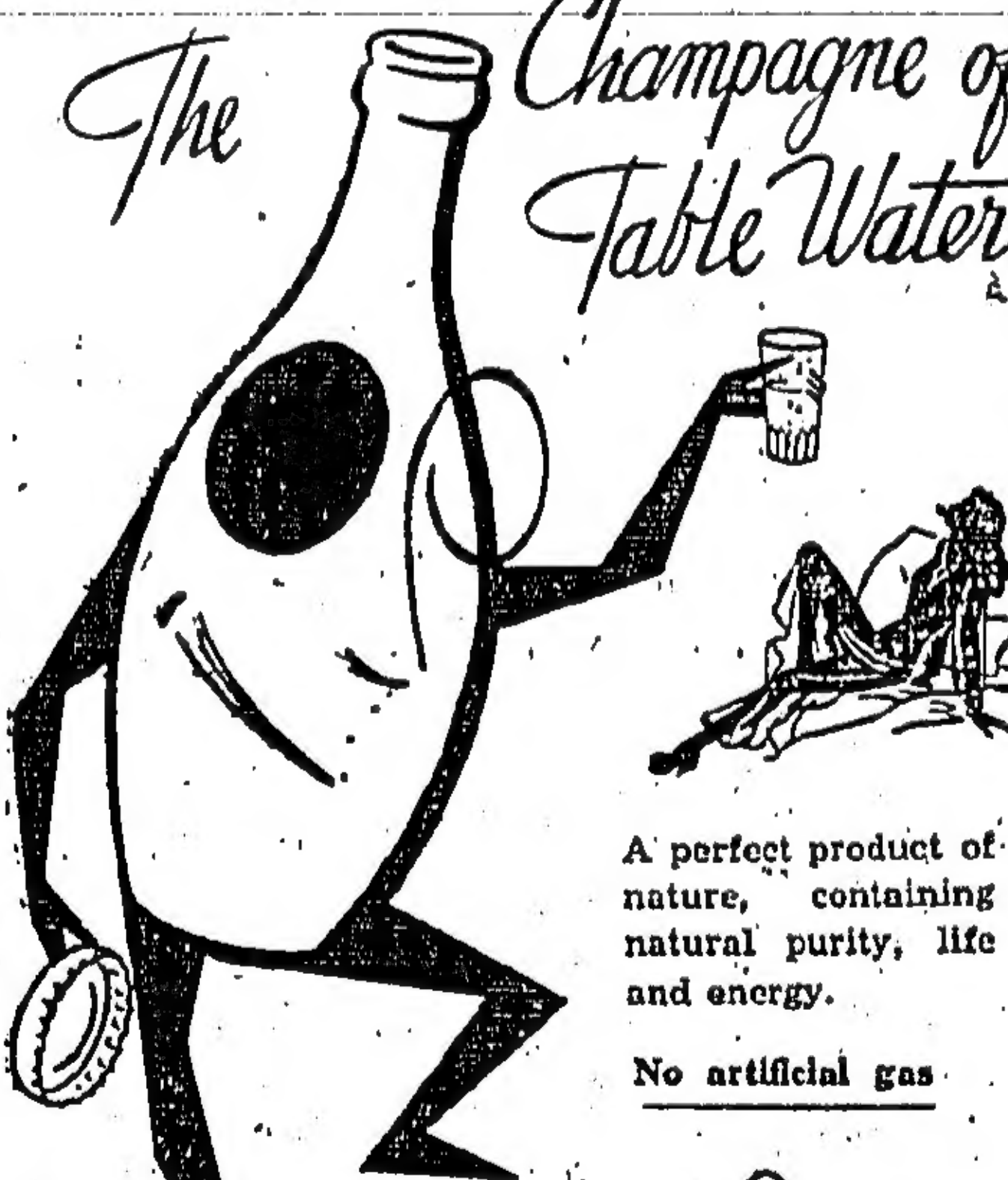
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Asia Conference Appeals To UN

Cripps Answers Hecklers

London, January 22.—Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, told hecklers at a meeting at Bristol tonight that Russia would like to see Britain and the rest of the world completely disarmed, because "it would make their job so much easier."

Communist propaganda would not make the British Government reduce the country's armaments, Sir Stafford said.

Asked why Britain was trading with Franco Spain, Sir Stafford replied: "We want steel and food, don't we?"

A voice: "And oranges with bombs in them?"

Sir Stafford: "We want oranges, too. They are one of the most important factors in the health of our children."

A voice: "They can do without them."

Sir Stafford: "They cannot do without them as long as we are in power."

The Chancellor said there was no prospect of Britain being able to reduce the high export rate needed for the country's economic recovery, but if present policies were continued Britain would have every chance of reaching complete independence in three or four years.—Router.

FLAGRANT BREACH OF UN CHARTER

New Delhi, January 23.

The Asian conference demanded on Saturday that the United Nations call a halt on Dutch imperial rule of Indonesia.

The 20 nations called for immediate end of Dutch military action in Indonesia, calling it a "flagrant breach of the United Nations charter" which endangers the peace of South East Asia and the world.

The conference also advocated swift steps to give the people of the East Indies self-rule.

Member nations agreed to leave behind them a foundation on which they could build a permanent Asian bloc and to reconvene if they do not like the way the United Nations handles the problem of Indonesia.

The resolutions, adopted in closed session, will be entered in conference records at the final meeting on Sunday. It will be open.

Officially, the conference stopped short of a spoken call for economic sanctions to back up the United Nations orders to the Netherlands. Delegates said they did not want to seem to threaten the world organisation. They added their desires are clear anyway.

Delegates said omission of mention of economic sanctions should not be taken as an indication of any weakening of the conference's determination to press for establishment of a free United States of Indonesia with considerable Republican participation.

Obliquely, they phrased a resolution which referred to article 39, which does not deal with sanctions but does mention the article under which sanctions may be imposed.

One resolution called the Dutch conquest of Republican areas of Indonesia in December a "flagrant breach of the United Nations charter" and said the Security Council had properly seized the case.

Specifically the conference demanded:

1. Immediate Dutch release of political prisoners seized in the "police action," including Republican President Soekarno.

2. Restoration of the Republican Government to power on March 15 in areas it held in Java, Sumatra and Madura before the Dutch troops moved in.

3. Restoration of Jogjakarta to the Republicans as their capital.

4. Granting Republicans full permission to move about their own and other areas of Indonesia.

5. Complete withdrawal of Dutch troops from conquered areas by March 15 with this withdrawal to be supervised by an outside agency.

6. Removal of Dutch imposed trade restrictions and free access for Republicans to communication with all the world.

7. Establishment of an interim Indonesian Government by March 15. This would be composed of representatives of the Republic together with representatives of other East Indies territories. It would ban formation of any further regional governments. The Dutch have been sponsoring establishment of federal states in the islands.

8. Interim government control over its armed forces with Dutch troops to be withdrawn from all the East Indies on a date specified by a United Nations body or the interim government. Pending that date, Dutch troops should not be used to maintain law and order without a request from the interim government.

9. Election of a constituent assembly in Indonesia by October 1.

10. Transfer of sovereignty to the Indonesian government for next January 1.

The time table is the same as one now pending before the Security Council at Lake Success.

The conference also demanded that the Council use its power to compel compliance with its orders if the United Nations observers and violations.

To back up their resolution, the conferees agreed to ask participating governments to explore feasibility of a regional organisation of Asian nations, created within the United Nations framework, and to urge international consultations through diplomatic and United Nations representatives to keep track of what happens in Indonesia.

The conference pledged its support to the Security Council if it applies the measures recommended by the Asian nations.—Associated Press.

Chinese May Enter Burma

Rangoon, January 23.

The Burmese Government authorised the entry into Burma on a temporary basis of Chinese whose homes adjoin the Eastern frontier lands of the Kachins and Shans, an official statement here said.

At this part of the border Chinese and Burmese living there often cross over into each other's territory for trading via a wooden bridge spanning a narrow stream separating Burma from China.

A labour shortage in those sparsely populated regions is the main reason for the decision allowing frontier Chinese to enter Burma. It was reached after a special meeting at the Foreign Office here of Shan and Kachin officials. (The labour is needed for the approaching six-month winter season, a period for commencing road projects and increased work in the Burma Mines, located in the Shan lands). At winter's end the Chinese "seasonal labourers" are expected to return to China.

Identity cards and temporary immigration permits will be issued without charge to Chinese seeking work in Burma. Frontier authorities will check the immigrants to ensure they do not overstay the permitted time.

A newly established Chinese Consulate at Lashio in the Northern Shan States will look after the welfare of the Chinese nationals. In the past, illegal immigration along this part of the border caused friction between Burmese and Chinese authorities. Clashes in which Burmese frontier guards were killed or injured were reported in Rangoon earlier this year. A customs outpost was abandoned after one such clash. Recent reports that large numbers of Chinese were crossing illegally into Burma caused a furore in the Burmese press, which saw in this infiltration a threat to Burma's independence.—Associated Press.

Yarnell Asks Aid For Chiang

Washington, January 23.

Admiral H. E. Yarnell, retired former Commander in Chief of the US Asiatic Fleet, said yesterday the United States is in danger of losing the good will of the Chinese through "ignorance of the Far East and inept diplomacy."

"Some of it can be saved," he wrote in a letter to the Editor of the Washington Post, "if we continue our recognition of the Nationalist government, even if it is driven to Formosa or Canton, and refuse our recognition to any Chinese element which follows the dictates of Moscow."

Admiral Yarnell's letter was prompted by a recent statement of Representative Sol Bloom, Democrat of New York, that "Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the gang around him will have to be kicked out before China can be defended against the Communists."

Admiral Yarnell said Mr. Bloom had forgotten that the Nationalist government of Generalissimo Chiang fought the Japanese for four and a half years before Pearl Harbour, and that it Generalissimo Chiang had not drained Japan's manpower and munitions then, we would probably be fighting in the Far East today.—Associated Press.

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U.S. Resolution Would End In Chaos

The Hague, January 22.

The Security Council's United States-sponsored resolution on Indonesia would result in chaos in Indonesia and the Netherlands if allowed to stand as it was Dr. D. U. Stikker, the Dutch Foreign Minister, said here tonight.

He was speaking at the annual dinner of the Dutch Foreign Press Association.

"Saying that the United States' role in the solution of Holland's problems in Indonesia has constantly increased, Dr. Stikker added: "The American representative in the Security Council has taken a most important initiative in introducing a resolution by which the powers of the Committee of Good Offices are greatly increased."

"By adopting the rule of a majority vote, the American member of the newly-styled United Nations Commission on Indonesia will, in many cases, decide vital issues for Indonesia and determine the course of events."

Dr. Stikker said they were all grateful for the preponderant part the United States had played in defeating the aggressors of Western civilisation and her part today in maintaining world peace.

"We know that the United States has far-reaching responsibilities in many parts of the world. We appreciate the interest it has taken and still takes in a fair and equitable solution of the Indonesian problem."

"But we do not believe, and we have no reason to believe, that the United States intends to take over from The Netherlands in the period until the United States of Indonesia take their rightful place among the sovereign members of the United Nations."

He was speaking at the annual dinner of the Dutch Foreign Press Association.

"We do not believe this has been the intention of the United States in introducing the resolution now before the Security Council."

Dr. Stikker said the Commission is not and cannot be responsible for the maintenance of law and order in the most crucial period of the ejection and the formation of an all-Indonesian Government.

"The intervention of the United Nations in the international field has shown that, at the present stage of international organisation, there is no such thing as an effective administration by the United Nations, because the United Nations have no army, no navy, air force or police."

"In my opinion, such a situation will be dangerous in the extreme. The efforts now under way to establish an all-Indonesian interim Government in Indonesia by direct conversations between all political groups, including the Republicans, will be stalled."

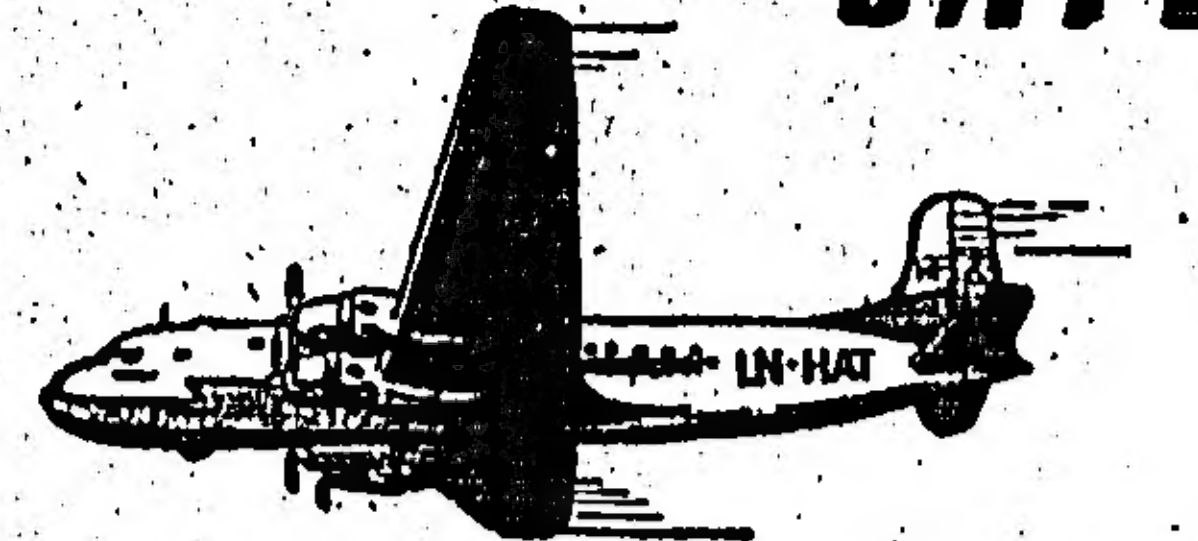
"Nobody will exactly know the limits of his responsibilities. The final say will be in Lake Success, not only on such questions of life and death and independence and democracy, but also on trivial issues."

"The United Nations will end up dealing with local politics."—Reuter.

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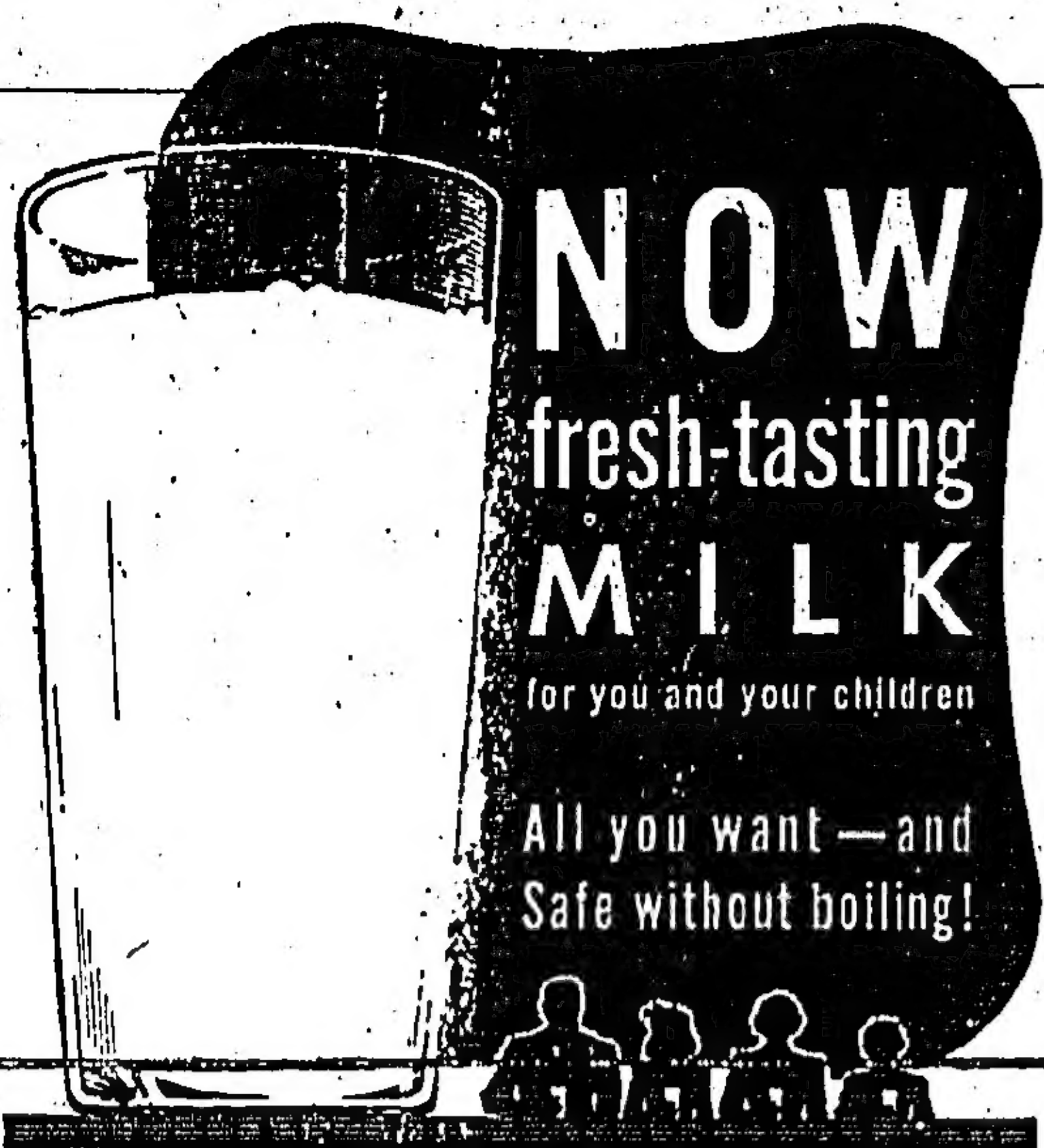
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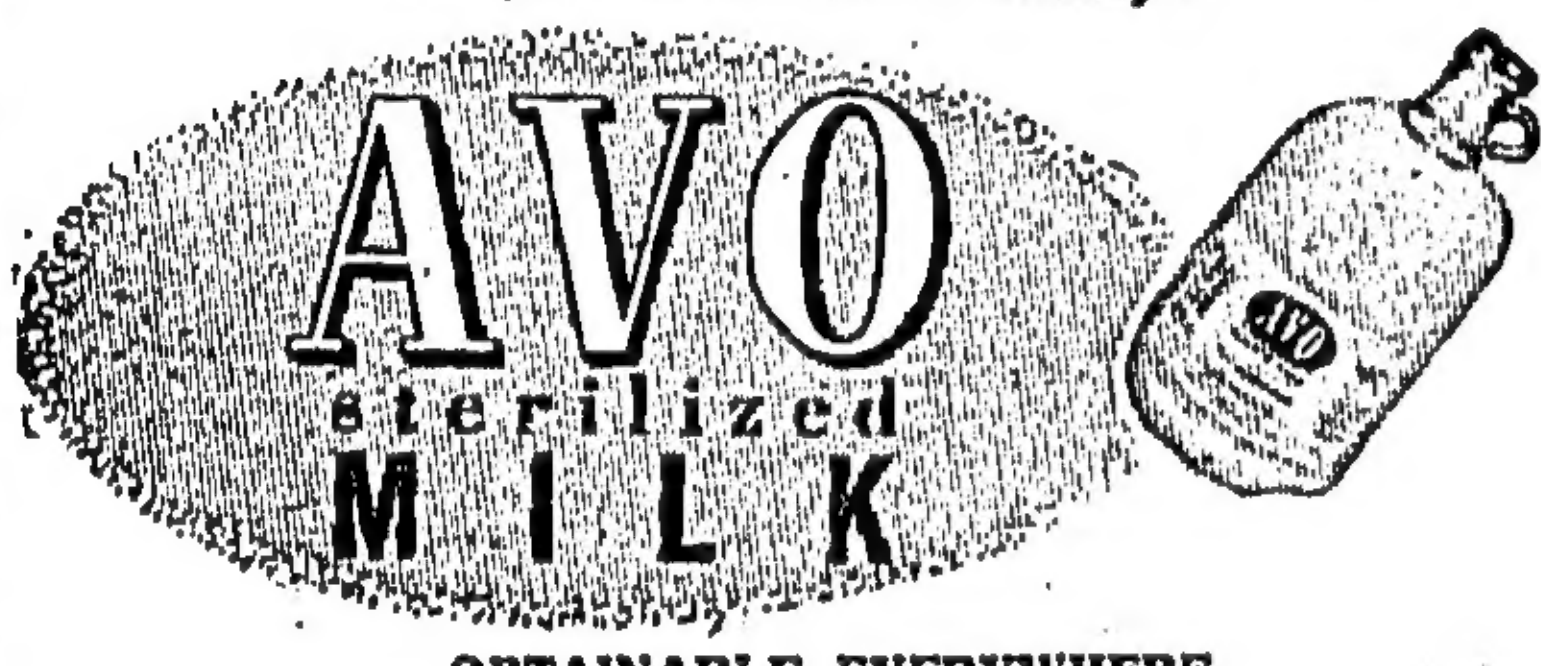
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WEST SELECTS RHINE AS DEFENCE FRONTIER

Paris, January 22.

Guerillas Protest To UN

Belgrade, January 22.
General Marko's "Free Democratic Greek Government" today sent a protest to the Security Council and to Mr. Trygve Lie, Secretary General of the United Nations, concerning a military plan shot down over the Greek town of Karpanisi, the Yugoslav news agency reported tonight.

The plan, the agency said, was piloted by an American officer, named Edner, and was shot down at the moment when it was machine-gunning the peaceful population of the town.—Reuter.

Army Action In Pasoedan

Batavia, January 23.
Trouble for the Dutch was reported in both Western and Eastern Java on Saturday.

The Dutch army was ordered to step in and enforce order in the federal state of Pasoedan in West Java where Dutch commander said recent actions have endangered security.

The commander, Major General E. Engels, reported peace and security have deteriorated more than they have progressed in that area.

Trouble also was reported from East Java.
Newspaper dispatches said seven employees of the Soerabaya naval base were ambushed and killed, a sugar factory manager was slain 50 miles East of Malang, and a Dutch planter was killed and three planters kidnapped in scattered incidents of continuing guerrilla warfare on the island.—Associated Press.

RECOGNITION OF TRANSJORDAN?

Washington, January 22.
The United States is likely to recognize Transjordan next week at the same time as full American recognition is given to the State of Israel, United States Government officials said today.
They denied reports of an Anglo-American deal whereby the American Government would recognize Transjordan in return for British recognition of Israel.
Such an arrangement was not even discussed by the British Ambassador, Sir Oliver Franks, and the Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Robert Lovett, during the recent talks on Palestine, they added.—Reuter.

The Rhine, from the Swiss border to its estuary in Holland and the North Sea, will be the common defence frontier of the Western European powers, if the agreed plans find backing in the proposed Atlantic Pact and American Army help is obtained, Reuters learned from authoritative sources today.

It is common ground between the five European powers that the defence of their territories must be organized in Europe and as far East as possible.

Another governing principle is understood to be mobility and interchangeable military units which would not be restricted to action only in their own national territories.

This principle is to be applied in peacetime training.

Washington military chiefs have moved closer to the European strategic conception as opposed to that of defending Europe from behind the Pyrenees, which has prevailed in America.

But the American standpoint remains unclear. Greater clarity will be obtained, it is hoped, when and if the proposed Atlantic Pact is signed and when Congress is asked to decide on an arms programme for the Western European armed forces.

The question of the Atlantic Union is on the agenda of the five Foreign Ministers meeting in London next Thursday.

According to informed sources in Paris, the principal question is that of the supply of arms and weapons. Soldiers would no doubt be supplied in proportion to the populations of each country.

An important issue to be discussed about an Atlantic Pact

Franco-Italian Economic Union

Paris, January 22.

Further progress towards a proposed economic union of France and Italy was made here tonight when representatives of the two countries signed the final report of the Joint Commission on customs union.

The report estimated it would take a year to establish a tariff union and not less than six years for a complete economic union. The tariff union would abolish customs duties on articles transferred from one country to the other and fix a common tariff for goods arriving from other countries.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, presided at the signing ceremony in the historic Clock Room of the French Foreign Ministry.—Reuter.

FOUR KILLED IN B-29 CRASH

Great Falls, Montana, January 22.
Four of the crew of 12 were killed on Friday night when a B-29 Super Fortress crashed into the snow blanketed Great Falls airfield a few minutes after taking off.

The plane was flying to its home base at Spokane, Washington, from the Smoky Hill base of Salina, Kansas.—Associated Press.

Israel Policy Due To Public Opinion

London, January 22.

Britain's decision to accord de facto recognition to Israel, now generally expected to be made public next Monday, is the result of two converging developments, it is felt in London.

Firstly, the heavy pressure of British opinion which believes some degree of recognition will contribute more to a settlement in Palestine than continued refusal.

Secondly, the overriding importance of keeping the British and American policies in the Middle East as nearly as possible in harmony. Also, the American recognition of Transjordan, expected to follow closely on the Israeli decision, is seen as a complementary step to Britain's recognition of Israel, designed to encourage both the interested Arab States and Israel towards an agreed settlement at the Rhodes talks which would pave the way to peace and a stabilisation of the position in the Middle East.

Radical Change

Diplomatic observers here do not attempt to disguise that even the de facto recognition of Israel represents a radical change in the British policy.

Ideally, no doubt, Mr. Ernest Bevin would have wished to postpone recognition until acceptable frontiers had been agreed.

As it is, a decision will be generally regarded as a concession to realism with the achievement of a Joint Anglo-American Middle Eastern policy.

If the negotiations at Rhodes produce a substantial measure of agreement on the conditions for ending the hostilities, there is unlikely to be much criticism.

If, however, the Jews and Arabs are still unable to agree, there will inevitably be a body of British opinion which will feel that Britain has been stampeded into giving away her most important remaining bargaining counter.

Full Programme

The coming week will see a full programme of fixtures which form part of the general pattern of the gradual association of the Western powers. On Thursday and Friday, the Foreign Ministers of the five Brussels Treaty

Rescue Try By Ski-Plane

Winnipeg, January 22.

A Royal Canadian Air Force plane, equipped with skis, landed today near a Dakota plane of the RCAF which was forced down on the ice of Hudson Bay yesterday, and attempted to rescue the crew of eight and three passengers.

The Dakota was forced down by lack of fuel while returning from a 4,000-mile mercy flight North of the Arctic Circle. A search plane located it yesterday on an icefield 85 miles South West of Churchill, Manitoba.

The search plane pilot saw a 2,000-foot ice strip near the Dakota which he thought a suitable landing site for a ski-equipped light aircraft or a helicopter.—Reuter.

Clay Blames Russia For German Rift

Berlin, January 22.

General Lucius D. Clay, U.S. Military Governor, flatly blamed the Russians for the division of Germany and its dual currency system in a special report distributed in Berlin today.

(The Russians have consistently tried to lay the blame for the division of Germany on the West and have claimed that the Western Allies separate currency reform was the reason for the Soviet land blockade of Berlin).

General Clay's report, reviewing economic revival in Western Germany since last June's currency reform, stated that the separate action was forced upon the West when "it became increasingly apparent that the USSR had no intention of permitting the Administration of the Four Zones of Germany as an economic entity, as agreed at the Potsdam Conference."

Clay said that the Russians had refused to make a four power agreement for new uniform German currency.

"The Western Powers," the report said, "were frustrated in their efforts to create a sound currency in their occupation zones because of the refusal of the Soviets to agree on a uniform German currency reform or to disclose the amounts of Reichsmark currency printed by them. The final economic break between East and West of June 1948 was precipitated by this financial monetary situation which had become increasingly intolerable."

Once currency reform was enacted, Clay added, it brought about an almost miraculous rise in Western Germany's industrial production.—Associated Press.

Bangkok, January 23.

Minister of Commerce Mr. Phya Mahai Sawan said he had heard some Foreign Governments were preparing to ask him to sell rice more cheaply. But he said he did not plan to reduce the present price of between 30 and 40 pounds sterling per ton. Mr. Phya Mahai said.—Associated Press.

Germans Building Cadre For New Army

Wiesbaden, January 22.

German politicians have quietly planned a highly-trained police reserve which in effect could be a camouflaged national guard and cadre for a new German Army, a high Military Government official told the United Press today.

Hubert I. Teitelbaum, of Pittsburgh, Public Safety chief for the German state of Hesse, said he learned of the German plans during a recent inspection tour.

"I am convinced that the plans exist in all states in Western Germany," said Teitelbaum, who was in charge of Hessian de-Nazification before taking his present post.

He said he believed that the West German plans were drawn and polished at a recent conference of Western Germany's Ministers of Interior at Bonn.

In addition, the Military Government official disclosed in an exclusive interview that German government officials have requested permission for their police to salute one another, which has been forbidden as militaristic after the War. Permission to arm the police with automatic weapons was also forbidden.

The Hessian plans which Teitelbaum discovered called for a force of some 2,000 youths ranging from 18 to 19 in age to be trained in barracks for two years.

After their five years tour of duty they would be eligible to become officers in the police force under the direct command of the state interior Minister, Teitelbaum continued.

"They said they needed a force to protect against riots and disorders," the public safety director said, "but the police training in the United States lasts about three months."

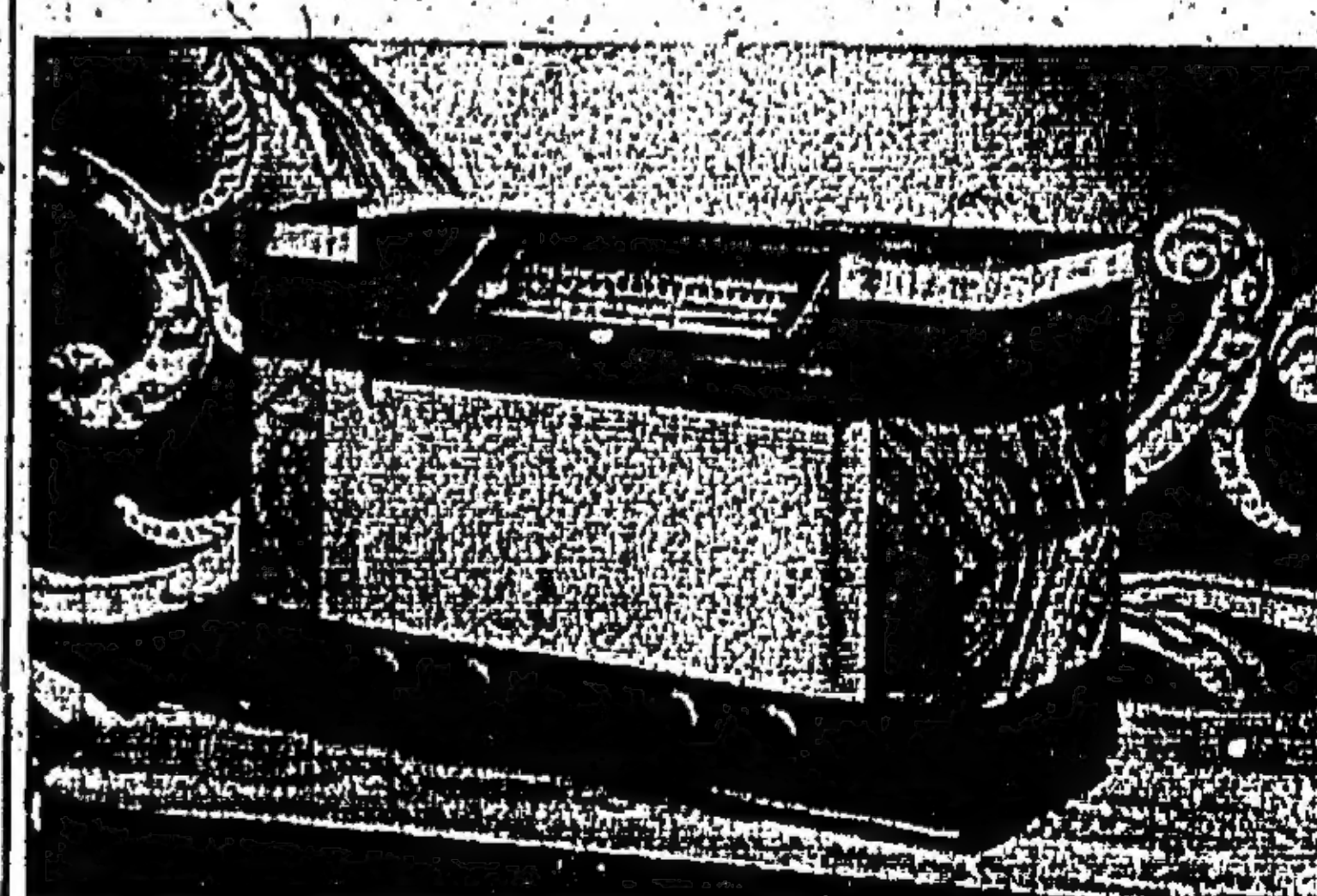
"In two years they would be marching around in squad columns," he said.

German proposals to place all police under the Minister of Interior were regarded by top Military Government men as a direct slap at their postwar policy, which has permitted only independent city departments. Even under Hitler, they pointed out, some degree of independent municipal control was maintained.

Teitelbaum said that on his inspection he learned that German officials throughout the state had been well briefed on the plan for a reorganized force.

"They all presented the same reasons for having it," he said.—United Press.

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Peace Mission Will Not Demand Cease-Fire Order

Nanking January 22.

Mr. Shao Li-tze, chief delegate of the five-man mission the government is sending into Communist territory in quest of peace, today told the United Press in an exclusive interview that the government has abandoned its insistence on a mutual cease fire order before beginning peace discussions.

Mr. Shao said the Executive Yuan has reversed its previous stand in that respect and is now willing to accept the Communist suggestion that a peace conference be initiated before ordering an end of military action.

Shao Li-tze and four other delegates were ready at any moment to leave Nanking and take off for any place that the Reds designate for the initial meeting. Shao Li-tze granted the interview in a room just off the building in which he conducts a private primary school to earn a living.

The room was simply lighted by a single candle and one kerosene lantern. "The Grand Old Man of Peace" and former Ambassador to Moscow, who has been one of the most ardent advocates for peace, admitted that the hopes of world peace would rest on the success of his mission.

Shao said: "When I received this commission, I felt a little afraid. The rift between the Communists and the Kuomintang has been very great, and up to now in this terrible war, terms advanced by both sides have shown a very wide divergence. We realise that our mission will be very difficult."

"But I feel at the same time that peace is the real need and urgent need of all our people. It is vital for the preservation of national existence and the elimination of suffering by our people. Both the Kuomintang and the Communists have realised the importance of peace. I believe that both sides are sincere in their desires for peace. In view of this I am confident that our mission will be one of success."

Shao said: "We will do our utmost to make it a success. We hope that the Communists will reply immediately to our offer of initiating talks now and propose a place where discussions can be held to permit as early a start as possible."

"Peace in China is necessary to the peace throughout the world. As soon as the Communists accept the government proposals and designate peace talks, our delegation will proceed there immediately."

Asked if the government terms as outlined in Chiang Kai-shek's New Year message still stand as the government policy, Shao replied that the government and the Communists both insist on their original terms, peace will be impossible.

Other members of the peace mission are: Chang Chih-chung, member of the Inner Cabinet as Minister without Portfolio,

Chiang Acted On U.S. Plan?

San Francisco, January 22.

The Chinese Communist Radio heard here tonight declared that General Chiang Kai-shek's withdrawal in favour of General Li Tsung-jen, now acting President, was "at the prompting of the American Government."

The broadcast was the first Communist reaction to General Chiang's departure from Nanking for the South.

"Liberated area newspapers noted the prediction of foreign news agencies at Nanking that General Chiang Kai-shek's failure to announce his formal resignation is designed to leave the way open for his return later," the broadcast added. "All indications are that the Kuomintang's reaction to the Nanking Government has no sincere desire for a genuine democratic peace."

—Reuter.

Huang Shao-shung, Peng Chao-shen and Chung Tien-hsin.

The announcement of the peace delegation was the first major acknowledgment of development in the peace offensive program since Chiang Kai-shek yesterday retired and left Nanking. Reports during the day that the delegation has been selected were once denied, then unofficially confirmed and finally announced by a government spokesman.

Earlier reports linked former Premier Chiang Chun, one of the Inner Cabinet members and Minister without Portfolio, as one of the delegates, and it was known that he was one of Sun Fo's choices. However, it was believed that the Executive Yuan had decided that it might be better for him to remain in Nanking since he is one of the top policy makers.

The five-man delegation represents all major cliques in the present government. Shao Li-tze, chief delegate, represents the Independent Left of the Centre Liberal Group; Chang Chih-chung, the Whampoa Clique dominating the Chinese Army; Peng Chao-shen, Rightist CC Clique; Huang Shao-shung, Kwangai Clique headed by Li Tsung-jen, and General Pao Chung-hai, and Chung Tien-hsin representative of Sun Fo's Clique.—United Press.

Peiping Surrender Raises Peace Hopes

Shanghai, January 23.

The surrender at Peiping and the selection at Nanking of a five-man peace delegation which looks possibly acceptable to the Reds lifted the hopes for peace.

This was despite a Red broadcast describing Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's retirement in favour of Vice President Li Tsung-jen as an action prompted by America.

The departure of Generalissimo Chiang is fading rapidly from the public consciousness already, despite his 22 years at the helm. Shanghai newspapers, which revere the type of Generalissimo, hardly mentioned him on their front pages as all swung into the efforts of General Li and his "left-over" Chiang government for peace.

The Red blast against the Chiang retirement in favour of Li was not taken too seriously. Anti-foreignism has always been a strong cohesive force in Chinese revolutionary movements. Some say Chiang's loss of public following in the past few years lay in the fact that he could not put a strong nationalist and strong anti-foreign cast in his campaign against the Communists. The anti-foreign bark is usually worse than its bite, but it is undeniably a strong rallying point.

From surrendered Peiping last night, Associated Press correspondent Spencer Moosa sent a dispatch saying that agreement for peace there doubtless set a pattern for localised peace elsewhere in China.

Joint administration emerges—joint in name only because there is no doubt which side will do the administering.

The agreement is for a transitional period—transitional, that is to say, until the other side decides to what form the administration shall emerge.

The spoils are going to the victor, but he has a sugar-coated pill for the vanquished, Moosa wrote.

On the surface, this transitional agreement presents features almost too good to be true. Political control of Peiping changes, but yet postal and telecommunication services with the outside world are to be maintained.

Foreigners are guaranteed safety of life and property, and freedom of religion is permitted for everyone.

Unless the present indications are false, even the air link with the outside world will be allowed. (His friends say Hsu Hui-tung, chairman of the City Council, will fly South today. Hsu is supposed to be a diehard member of the Kuomintang.)

The agreement is a masterpiece in face-saving at which the Chinese, with long centuries of practice, have no masters.

There is no mention anywhere of surrender, only a subtle implication in a clause providing for troops to be moved out of the city for reorganisation—a good word.

Future agreements, of which the one announced Saturday night is the first, will doubtless give a better idea of what is in store, correspondent Moosa said. Moosa also said a new liaison office for the administration of Peiping is expected to include to rank Nationalists and Reds, notably Fu Tso-yi and General Yeh Chien Ying.

National officials in Peiping strongly hint the agreement had Nanking approval, and this is quite probable.

In fact, Peiping might be the guinea pig for Nanking, Shanghai and other cities.—Associated Press.

Rich Asia Seen As Aid To U.S.

Washington, January 22.

President Truman was reported to have told a group of Congressmen today that United States production could not catch up with demand for 100 years if the standard of living in Asiatic countries could be raised 2 per cent.

The report came from Congressmen present at a breakfast in the legislative buildings, where the President was a guest of the Missouri congressional delegation.

A broad programme of economic aid overseas is one of the foundations of the programme the President outlined in yesterday's inaugural address.

Long-time prosperity in this country would be the result of such a rise in Asiatic living standards, Mr. Truman was reported to have said.

Presumably he meant that the Eastern countries would be buying more goods and materials from the United States.

Mr. Truman also was quoted as saying he realises the responsibility he has on national and international affairs—and that Congress has an equal responsibility.

Those present, he said, asked for teamwork in striving for peace.

No one wants another war, the President said, and he does not believe there is any necessity for another one if everybody works for peace.

Another war might set the nation back a century in progress, he was quoted as saying.—Reuter.

Treasure Hunt In Bataan

Manila, January 22.

Tales of treasure buried on the former battleground of Bataan have touched off a minor gold rush in the Peninsula West of Manila.

Colonel James H. Keefe, Chief of the Customs Secret Service, told the press after returning from Bataan that the people of the province are trooping to the vicinity of Mariveles. Last week a man was reported to have unearthed a cache of platinum, jewellery, gold coins and paper money worth US\$25,000.

Treasure hunters talk excitedly of other valuables rumoured to have been buried by troops and wives of United States Army officers when the Japanese besieged Bataan seven years ago.—Associated Press.

FLU EPIDEMIC IN FRANCE

Geneva, January 23.

The World Health Organization announced here tonight that about 20 per cent of the French population (about 41 million) is now suffering from the continental influenza epidemic.

Although generally of a mild type, the disease has caused a number of deaths, particularly among very young children and old people, the organization reported.—Reuter.

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London Newspapers Differ About China

London, January 22.

London newspapers differed today on how unpromising the Chinese Communists may be in their dealings with the Nationalists and the West.

The Liberal News Chronicle editorialized that, posterity would not condemn President Chiang Kai-shek who retired on Friday for his refusal to compromise with Communism.

"He knew better than some of the statesmen of Central Europe," the paper said.

The influential Independent Times, on the other hand, saw some hope for a Chinese coalition government in the fact that Chiang's successor is General Li Tsung-jen.

The Times said if the Communists "still desire a coalition, he is a man with whom they might be willing to treat."

"He has very little to bargain with," the paper cautioned, however, "and all will depend on the immediate ambitions of the Communists."

The Conservative Daily Telegraph had this to say.

"The task of economic and administrative reconstruction presents stupendous problems which may temper the ideological zeal of the Communists and constrain them to foster good relations with the Western Powers."

But, it added, their victory "cannot but have dangerous repercussions in Malaya and Indonesia and perhaps in India."—Associated Press.

Belgrade, January 21. M. Lubomir Radovanovich, Vice-President of the Belgrade Federation of Lawyers, has been appointed Yugoslav Ambassador in Ankara.—Reuter.

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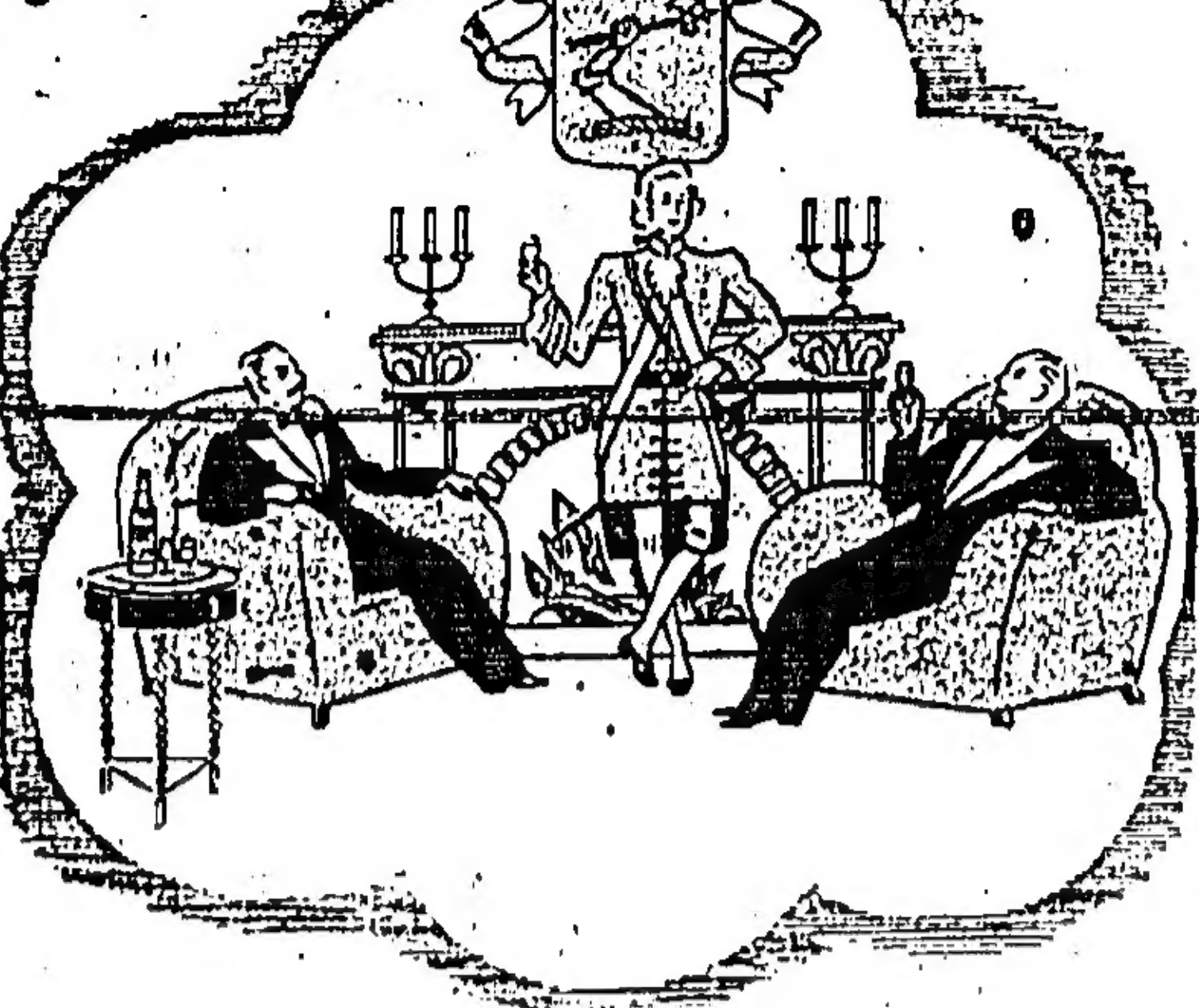
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NEHRU PROPOSED AS EAST-WEST MEDIATOR

Washington, January 22.

The suggestion that Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India, should be called in as arbitrator of the differences between Russia and the Western Nations is made in a letter published today in the Washington Post.

Sweden Opposes Alliance

Stockholm, January 22.

According to Swedish Parliamentary sources here tonight, Sweden urged that the proposed Scandinavian military alliance should be concluded without any link with any other regional defence pact.

The Norwegian Ministers refused to agree to this unless they got firm guarantees that they could count on obtaining "Anglo-Saxon weapons," it was stated.

The Danes, who have tended to share Norway's views in the past, attempted to reconcile the two opposing attitudes.

Before today's meeting in Copenhagen, the Swedish Foreign Minister, M. Cesten Unden, asked the American Ambassador here, Mr. Freeman Matthews, what American supplies Sweden could count on if she remained on the side of any Western European pact.

Mr. Matthews told him that Sweden would receive no military supplies and only such non-military supplies as were in plentiful supply.

The Swedish Cabinet was reported to believe, however, that the United States would classify machine tools suitable for the manufacture of both civilian goods and armaments as non-military supplies.—Reuter.

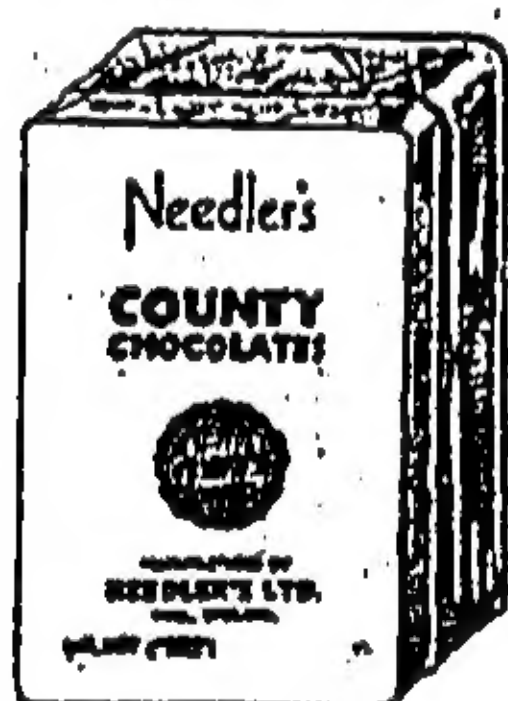
MP To Raise Question Of Malaya

London, January 22.

Sir Peter MacDonaid, a Conservative Member of Parliament, claims that terrorist danger has recently increased in Malaya and said today he will raise the matter in Parliament next Wednesday.

Sir Peter has tabled a question to be submitted to the Colonial Secretary, Arthur Creech Jones, asking what further steps are to be taken to reply with "effective action" against the marauders.

His question also inquires: "When is it proposed to put into effect the recommendations of the planning committee with regard to the quarter problem?"—Associated Press.



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Trade Unionists Discuss ERP

Berne, Switzerland, January 22.

Trade Union representatives of countries participating in the European Recovery Programme went into closed session at Berne today to discuss problems growing out of ERP.

Not on the agenda, but uppermost in every delegate's mind, was the dramatic East-West split in the World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU) at Paris on Wednesday when the British, American and Dutch delegations broke away from the Communist-dominated federation.

It was expected that the delegates would be informed fully of the events which led up to the split, and that settlement on the founding of a non-Communist International Labour Organisation would be sounded out.

However, it was not regarded as likely that any concrete steps towards such an organisation would be made here.

Arthur Deakin, British Labour leader, and James B. Carey, Secretary of the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO), who engineered the break at Paris, were both present.—Associated Press.

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Helicopters For Britain

London, January 22.

A helicopter bus service between the cities of Britain, beginning in four years' time, was predicated today by Mr. N. E. Rowe, the British European Airways' Controller of Research, in a paper read to the Helicopter Association.

It was disclosed that the new London P & O building is planned to include facilities for helicopter rooftop operations. The paper said that big towns should be directly linked by a shuttle service of a frequency of 10 to 14 trips each way for places 100 miles apart.

Smaller towns were to be linked by a "circuitous" stopping service.—Reuter.

TITO PLEDGED TO RESIST RUSSIA

Belgrade, January 22.

Marshal Josef Tito in his speech at the Serbian Communist Party Congress last night was seen by Western observers here as having once again pledged himself to continue resisting Russia and the Cominform in the cause of "true Marxism."

This impression was gained from the Marshal's speech and others at the Congress, which ended here yesterday, with the Yugoslav Communist Party appearing firmly behind Marshal Tito.

The Marshal's immediate policy seems to be to carry on with his present socialisation programme, regardless of the Cominform's attempt to dislodge him.

The basic causes of the Cominform dispute were for the first time openly mentioned during the Congress. Marshal Tito listed five of them.

(1) Political relations between the Communist States. This presumably involved the principle of equality, which it was thought Russia was in practice unwilling to concede.

(2) Economic relations. Previous speeches by Marshal Tito were thought to indicate that the issue was Yugoslavia's industrialisation under the five-year plan, which Russia apparently opposed, preferring to see the country remain a cheap source of raw material.

(3) Disagreement over the time and form of the South Slav Federation.

(4) Disagreement over the form of economic relations with Albania. The Cominform accuses Yugoslavia of wanting to turn the country into a colony.

(5) "Indirect treatment" of Yugoslavia by Russia and the Cominform. The Yugoslavs, who claim to have been the truest ally of Russia in her darkest hour, apparently resent the allegedly high-handed Russian attitude towards them.—Reuter.

Trouble Brewing In Russia's Backyard

London, January 22.

Soviet Russia fought major troubles in its own backyard today in the midst of what looked like a peace offensive toward the West.

Some Western diplomats linked the two developments. But they were primarily interested in the accumulating evidence that things are not going well inside the Soviet's new Eastern European empire.

These events stood out prominently:

POLAND: High officials have been ousted from government;

CZECHOSLOVAKIA: An attempted anti-Communist military coup has been disclosed;

YUGOSLAVIA: Marshal Tito's denunciations of Russia have become louder and more frequent;

RUMANIA: Through the establishment of "progress council" more controls have been created;

HUNGARY: This predominantly Catholic country is uneasy over the religious purge and the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty.

In contrast, however, everything that happened in Asia for months played into Soviet hands—the Chinese Communists, Chiang Kai-shek, Dutch military intervention in Indonesia and the general unrest in South-East Asia.

In the Middle East it still seems to be touch and go between Eastern and Western influence. If Britain and America had worked out a joint policy earlier, the tremendous increase in Soviet influence there might have dissipated temporarily.

Western diplomats saw these two major tactical problems for Russia in its cold war with the West:

1. Russia, through intense propaganda, has been trying to discourage Scandinavia, especially Sweden, from joining the North Atlantic security pact. Russia would like to prevent that pact from being born.

2. Amidst signs of gaping holes in the Iron Curtain, such as in Yugoslavia, Russia is trying to tighten its control on Eastern Europe where economic unrest has been predicted for some time.—United Press.

Catholics Appeal To Vatican

Budapest, January 22.

A joint pastoral letter to be read in all Catholic Churches in Hungary tomorrow states that the Catholic Hierarchy is unable to take any decision on Church-State relations at the present stage without agreement with the Vatican.

The text, printed in the week-end edition of the Catholic newspaper, Magyar Kurir, is stated to have been decided at the last meeting of the Bishops on January 10.

Negotiations between the Church and Government were broken off on January 12. The talks began on January 4, eight days after the arrest of Cardinal Mindszenty, but only one meeting took place. The second one, due on January 8, was cancelled without explanation.

The letter calls on all Catholics to be loyal to their Church and to the Pope, but at the same time to be "true sons of your nation and willing supporters of the common good."

About Church-State relations, the letter says: "The well known situation existing between the Church and State does not allow us to take steps by ourselves, but demands that in accordance with the laws of the Church we should act in harmony with the Holy See."

Therefore, the letter adds, the Bishops have asked that all Catholics should refrain from disturbing actions, and should comply with the laws of the Church and faithfully respect Church discipline.

Their common faith, love and hope in God would constitute a sacred tie with all Catholics throughout the world.—Reuter.

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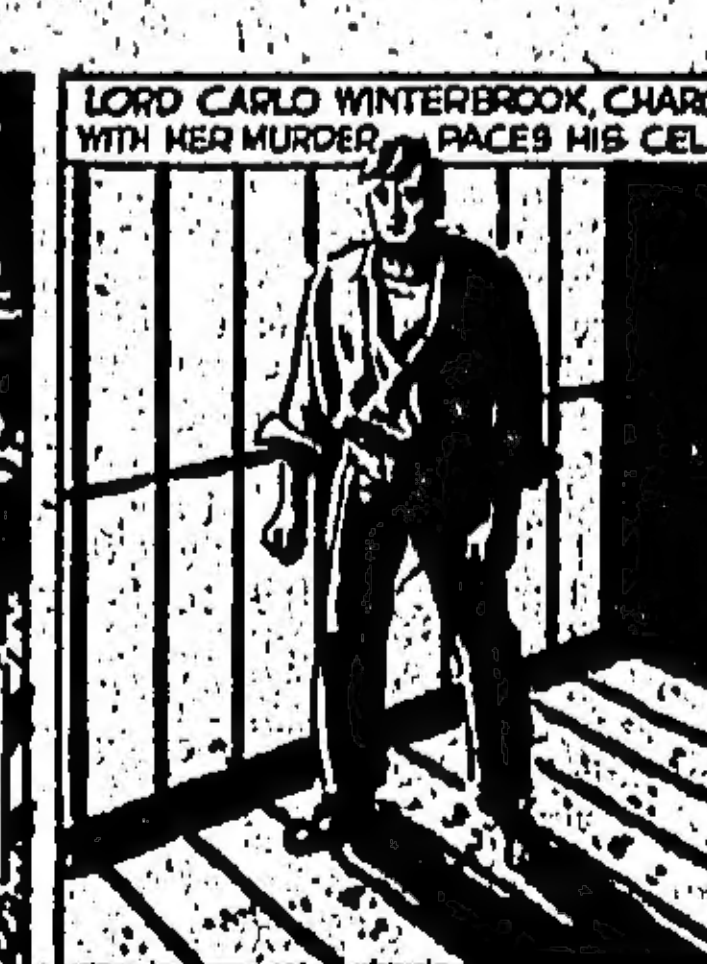
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"Window On World" Criticises UN

(By JOHN ASHWIN)

With the United Nations General Assembly closing down until April, "Window on the World," parting the curtains on Switzerland, finds Swiss comment on the Assembly's work to date daringly outspoken.

The ordinary Swiss Man-in-the-Street reports Fred Birmann from Zurich, has christened the Assembly "The World's Debating Club." Favourite slogan during the past Session has been "They talk too much and do too little."

As an example of what the Swiss mean our correspondent points to the Berlin blockade. Although no-one in Switzerland denies the Allied success in maintaining the "lift" everyone takes the first opportunity to argue its practicability. "Why," they ask, "waste money on an enterprise that can't last for ever and must mean a show-down in the end?"

As a solution the Swiss suggest a "free and neutral State of Berlin" with neither East nor West military governments being allowed to interfere.

Summing up the Palestine problem they say they are surprised the United Nations wasted so much time "instead of enforcing peace by economic sanctions and an international police force."

After which the Swiss Man-in-the-Street returns to his European cockpit of strict neutrality.

From Tangier to Tunis they call it the Shoe Shiners Union—with a charter of Shoe Shiners Rights all its own.

For many generations explains Tangier correspondent G.D.K. McCormick, the shoe shiner has had a grudging fight against police and poverty. Now, in all the principal cities shoe shiners unions are being organised. First off the mark is the Tunis Union—with a paid Union leader ready to settle anything from a pay dispute to arrangements for a new shoe-shine pitch.

Meanwhile, impressed by their new professional status the shoe shiners themselves, their ages ranging from 8 to 70, have started shoe-shine campaigns to boost their trade.

In Tangier a group of Moorish shoe shiners has even formed a symphony band to provide entertainment while the shoe shine business is being done.

Nor is that all. To replace the old, broken-down shoe shine boxes Arab craftsmen are producing magnificently carved works of art in brilliant colours.

By this means they hope to entice the casual passer-by into the vital habit of a shoe shine a day.

Across to Istanbul, where Ed-

ward Howe describes how Turkey is becoming Haven No. 1 for hundreds of political refugees flooding into the country by land, sea and air from neighbouring Soviet satellite States.

Faced with the problem of what to do with them, Turkey complains that her country is being turned into a huge displaced persons camp with fresh arrivals daily. Recently, add the "frustrated" officials, there was even a refugee from Russia.

Or was he a refugee? The Turkish authorities are not so sure. All they know is that an airman crash-landed in a Soviet two-seater plane near the Turkish industrial town of Sinop on the Black Sea.

Three Reasons

Ask to explain his business however the airman gave three different reasons (to three different officials).

Now the authorities believe there may have been a second passenger who parachuted out to take part in fifth column activities.

In case there was, an enquiry is being held to discover whether anyone in outlying villages saw anything that might have been a parachutist on the night in question. So far however, apparently no one did.

A wedding may mean happiness in most parts of the world—but not so in Greece recently. When daughter became engaged to son a third party intervened with a plan of campaign that wrecked the Wedding Feast.

Apparently Kyria Stamataki of the village of Piraeus had been hoping the bridegroom of the day would marry her own daughter. When it turned out otherwise Kyria Stamataki prepared a special dish for the wedding, emptied a pocketful of pins into it—and presented the thoughtful gift at the Wedding Feast.

"Sure enough," all worked according to plan. Within an hour bride and bridegroom and half the guests were seized with pain and had to be rushed to hospital.

There they were operated on and several dangerous pins found in every stomach. Someone however must have suspected mother Stamataki. Today, reports Keith Butler from Athens, she is on

U.S. Builds Air Power In Asia

Tokyo, January 22.

A thin curve of air power is being strengthened slowly to protect the vast American interests in the Pacific against the Communist sweep across Asia.

Airfields in the Philippines and Okinawa—two key points of the forward American defence line—are being lengthened to accommodate the latest giant planes. Other improvements also are under way to prepare these air centres for front-line duty.

Their potentialities are considerable. They are vital to current strategy.

But it would be misleading to say that at present they offer anywhere near adequate preparation in the face of tottering China and a potentially unfriendly South East Asia.

A tour of these American outposts shows some of the same indecisiveness and political uncertainty which contributed to the disaster of Corregidor in 1942. Air Force officers say—as did the Philippine ground forces seven years ago—they are trying to do too much with too little.

The advance line sweeps upward from the Philippines through Okinawa and Japan to Alaska. Behind it lie the airfields of Guam and the naval base at Hawaii. Once again the vast stretches of the Pacific have to be breached to link them with supply and combat lines.

trial—protesting that it was all "just an accident."

From Athens to Rome where Robert Shearer reports that something approaching a miniature Hollywood is taking shape.

It all began with the post-war spate of Italian films. "Difficult Years," "Open City," "Paisan" that have broken box-office records wherever they have been shown.

Now Rome's best-known hotel, the Excelsior, has been taken over as headquarters of Italian film production. Nor are the Italians alone in choosing Rome as their Hollywood. Even American producers, cameramen and stars have plans that will keep them working in the City until early next year.

In addition a British company has just arrived with plans to make a picture based on Eric Linklater's novel "Private Angelo."

Finally, in respect to Italy, the Man of the Moment pulling the strings behind the film scene is an Italian-Philippine-Gludie, the man responsible for the production of the British successes "Hamlet" and "The Guinea Pig."

To most American tacticians, Japan in wartime would be a serious military liability. It would be under relatively close range attack from the North. Its 60,000,000 people would require heavy food imports along extensive supply lines that would be taxed to provide necessary military supplies.

The occupation job obliges the United States to guarantee Japan's defence for the present. Yet international policy prevents the construction of permanent defences as Soviet spokesmen have repeatedly emphasised.

The result is that the Fifth Air Force maintains the largest concentration of planes in the Western Pacific on a series of airfields built by Japanese contractors. But the total strength is minute for the task of defending this country against attack.

In the Philippines, lease agreements for bases permit a long-range programme without the international political difficulties encountered elsewhere. Major emphasis is being given to the development of the pre-war air network at Clark Field, about 50 miles North of Manila.

The Philippines have shifted back into, increasing strategic importance as the result of unrest in South East Asia and the potentiality it might come under communist control. In that case, air power from the Philippines would be necessary to deny any enemy access to airfields and supply lines Eastward of the Indian Ocean with a bomb blockade like that used so effectively during the war.

Clark Field is being groomed as a major and self-contained base. At present, however, its major strength is limited to the 18th Fighter Wing. The Filipinos themselves blow hot and cold on the question of American defences, but now they would rather see a sizable air force there.

Okinawa—the island nobody owns and everybody wants—is both the key and the enigma. In the centre of the line it is within heavy bomber range—across the roof of Asia—of Siberian industrial and military centres.

Bought with 7,000 American lives, Okinawa has been claimed at various times by China, the Philippines and Japan. Until its status is settled definitely, the question of providing sufficient funds to build it up properly may remain confused. —Associated Press.

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Total values of imports and exports by chapters in December follow—

ARTICLES	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
Live animals, chiefly for food	2,640,858	10,539
Meat and preparations thereof	535,401	1,240,877
Dairy products, eggs and honey	9,890,812	4,181,451
Fishery products, for food	9,752,123	2,445,971
Cereals	4,445,278	66,803
Manufactured products of cereals, chiefly for human food	4,616,269	1,072,439
Fruits, not made up, except olives	1,608,909	909,215
Vegetables, roots and tubers, chiefly used for human food	5,081,273	6,044,347
and their preparations, n.e.s.	2,878,081	1,441,841
Sugar and sugar confectionery	2,592,185	1,275,438
Coffee, tea, cocoa and preparations thereof, spices	1,968,000	1,608,909
Herbs and vinegars	21,953	71,210
Feedstuffs for animals, n.e.s.	9,648,200	2,401,409
Tobacco	1,102,901	2,493,281
Oil-seeds, nuts and kernels	14,868,878	9,649,424
Animal and vegetable oils, fats, greases and waxes and their preparations, n.e.s.	17,195,888	6,479,025
Chemical elements and compounds; pharmaceutical products	7,199,199	5,517,653
Dyes, tanning and colouring substances (not including crude materials)	1,097,263	1,514,553
Essential oils, perfumery, cosmetics, soaps and related products	2,051,616	3,805,310
Fertilisers	4,471,658	9,224,018
Rubber and manufactures thereof, n.e.s.	4,251,702	92,700
Wood, cork and manufactures thereof	6,881,941	9,007,500
Pulp, paper and cardboard and manufactures thereof	2,801,052	1,185,050
Hides and skins and leather	912,000	612,820
Manufactures of leather, not including articles of clothing	1,012,255	10,251,145
Furs, not made up	14,661,570	8,974,645
Textile materials, raw or simply prepared	22,623,297	22,418,281
Yarns and threads	719,945	519,681
Textile fabrics and small wares	2,870,051	6,084,481
Special and technical textile articles	98,050	0,328
Clothing and underwear of textile materials: hats of all materials	4,884,410	5,697,334
Clothing of leather and fur	1,151,445	6,822,295
Footwear, boots and slippers	1,825,439	654,332
Made-up articles textile materials other than clothing	1,514,445	937,181
Products for heating, lighting and power, lubricants	891,574	1,400,030
Non-metallic minerals, crude or simply prepared, n.e.s.	4,251,702	10,251,145
Pottery and other clay products	2,474,908	836,018
Glass and glassware	1,400,530	3,929,890
Manufactures of non-metallic minerals, n.e.s.	5,012,570	4,046,370
Precious metals and precious stones, pearls and articles made of these materials	6,985,007	10,495,895
Ores, slag, clinker	6,795,190	682,401
Iron and steel	1,719,084	1,719,084
Non-ferrous base metals, n.e.s.	4,362,842	2,638,523
Manufactures of base metals, n.e.s.	10,401,978	8,831,697
Machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., other than electrical	14,828,213	7,744,190
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances		
Transport equipment, n.e.s.		
Miscellaneous crude or simply prepared products, n.e.s.		
Manufactured articles, n.e.s.		

Total Merchandise 2,077,000,010 1,672,719,210
Gold and specie 8,333 21,497,214
Grand total 2,077,008,343 1,694,216,424

Total values of imports and exports by chapters during 1948 follow—

ARTICLES	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
Live animals, chiefly for food	33,882,291	32,881
Meat and preparations thereof	8,008,302	9,800,802
Dairy products, eggs and honey	38,847,216	81,079,476
Fishery products, for food	42,480,000	18,116,181
Cereals	107,859,878	16,402,892
Manufactured products of cereals, chiefly for human food	87,388,577	17,827,027
Fruits and nuts, except olives	81,809,000	25,801,653
Vegetables, roots & tubers, chiefly used for human food	58,348,998	68,718,160
and their preparations, n.e.s.	47,047,530	17,181,784
Sugar and sugar confectionery	10,247,424	12,722,833
Coffee, tea, cocoa and preparations thereof, spices	13,955,894	8,231,072
Herbs and vinegars	10,247,424	8,231,072
Feedstuffs for animals, n.e.s.	51,478,145	20,064,107
Tobacco	28,899,173	28,834,026
Oil-seeds, nuts and kernels	108,129,818	118,019,487
Animal and vegetable oils, fats, greases and waxes and their preparations, n.e.s.	104,056,692	55,371,068
Chemical elements and compounds; pharmaceutical products	71,409,204	41,838,210
Dyes, tanning and colouring substances (not including crude materials)	14,488,818	15,406,721
Essential oils, perfumery, cosmetics, soaps and related products	18,411,634	30,804,110
Fertilisers	34,081,614	54,427,044
Rubber and manufactures thereof, n.e.s.	34,081,614	54,427,044
Wood, cork and manufactures thereof	88,551,488	9,201,160
Pulp, paper and cardboard and manufactures thereof	100,889,751	66,400,913
Hides and skins and leather	16,068,888	14,816,890
Manufactures of leather, not including articles of clothing	479,789	4,507,510
Furs, not made up	1,097,263	1,240,877
Textile materials, raw or simply prepared	128,492,475	56,000,708
Yarns and threads	192,318,427	196,649,975
Textile fabrics and small wares	6,039,415	9,917,885
Special and technical textile articles	21,807,845	55,297,451
Clothing and underwear of textile materials: hats of all materials	481,070	124,884
Clothing of leather and fur	2,018,351	10,143,741
Footwear, boots, shoes and slippers	20,397,910	69,809,903
Made-up articles of textile materials other than clothing	118,034,174	71,579,220
Products for heating, lighting and power, lubricants	16,871,807	4,534,857
Non-metallic minerals, crude or simply prepared, n.e.s.	10,830,708	8,463,591
Pottery and other clay products	7,301,371	5,701,363
Glass and glassware	4,489,620	1,805,928
Manufactures of non-metallic minerals, n.e.s.	11,189,420	4,749,162
Precious metals and precious stones, pearls and articles made of these materials	19,104,056	21,002,548
Ores, slag, clinker	61,194,047	25,846,190
Iron and steel	38,209,118	31,648,079
Non-ferrous base metals, n.e.s.	50,628,019	31,817,023
Manufactures of base metals, n.e.s.	55,103,560	6,009,971
Machinery, apparatus and appliances, n.e.s., other than electrical	28,200,289	14,400,000
Electrical machinery, apparatus and appliances	28,200,289	14,400,000
Transport equipment, n.e.s.	82,819,678	75,505,184
Miscellaneous crude or simply prepared products, n.e.s.	107,007,448	81,745,517
Manufactured articles, n.e.s.		

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NO POWER FOR AUSTRALIANS

Sydney, January 23.—Australia's External Affairs Minister, Dr. Ewing, said on Friday that the Australians at the New Delhi conference on India would have no general power to commit Australia to any course of action.

The conference began on Thursday.

Dr. Ewing told reporters that the two Australians at the meeting are limited to the "proceedings." Any positive action will be subject to approval from Australia, he said. Associated Press.

SILVER AND GOLD MARKETS

Bombay—Silver, Ready, per 100 tolas Rupees 102, Annas 00; Forward per 100 tolas no trading; Marwar (unofficial) no trading; Gold, delivered, per tola 115, 00; Forward (unofficial) no trading; Gold, Sovereign, 74, 04; One tola is equal to 3/8th of an ounce.

Alexandria—Fine Gold (Dihem) 147; Egyptian pound (Fouda) 455; Sovereign (King) 412; Sovereign (Queen) 405; Napoleon (Louis) 335; Union Latine (1 coin of 20 francs gold) 295; Turkish Gold Pound 315; Dollar (Amer. gold coin of 5 dollars) 435; Pure Silver (per Kilo) 605.

Bangkok—Gold, Bar, per baht weight of 15.244 Grammes unguated Exchange Rate (Selling). Bangkok on New York T.T. 19.07; London 62.00; Hong Kong 3.90—Reuter.

Notice To Consignees

Consignees Per S.S. "BEVRACKIE"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co.'s godown, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and conditions of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke, at 10 a.m. on January 25th, 1948.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted, after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after January 28th, 1948, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before 14th February, 1949, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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An official announcement today added that the government is withholding an opinion on the riots as the South African government has appointed a Commission of Inquiry—Associated Press.

Notice To Consignees

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Damaged packages are to be left in the Godowns for examination by Consignees and the Company's Surveyors Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on the 27th January.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulation consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer's godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 28th January will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 4th February 1949 or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

Agents, Hongkong, January 21, 1948.

Notice To Consignees

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Damaged cargo on this vessel will be surveyed at Holt's Wharf between 10 a.m. and noon on January 24, 1949, and consignees are requested to have their representatives present during the survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

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"Mankato Victory" (via Manila)	Jan. 25
"President Pierce" (via Japan)	Feb. 10

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"President Fillmore" (calls Pacific Coast) Mar. 20

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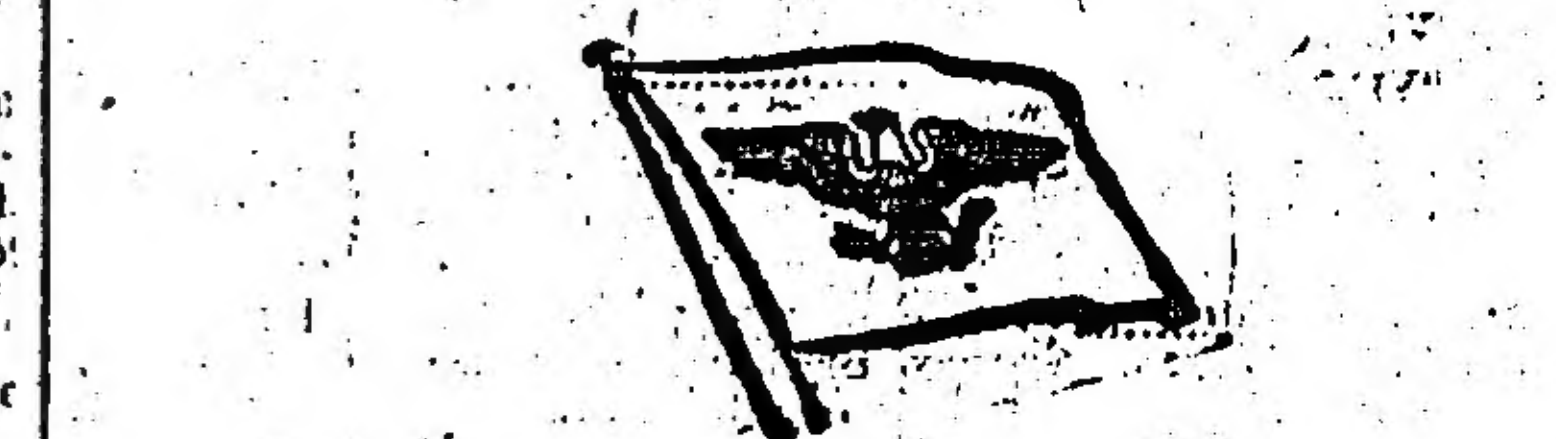
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